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**PART 4**

**September 18, 2007**

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I've lined up NPR's Scott Horsley to be our third editor for this week's show. Scott will talk about a story that he did for NPR this week about how newspapers cater to their readers' politics. The story is based on a study out of the University of Chicago. Here's a link to the story:<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=6618353>. I think this is a great topic for the show that will get the phone calls rolling in.

What do you guys want to talk about? It looks like a slow week in city politics.

Here are a couple topic ideas that Gloria and I came up with:

-Crisis in CA prisons- On Monday, a federal judge gave California six months to ease crowding in California prisons. If California can't ease the crowding in six months, a cap on the prison system may be implemented. This is a huge story. I don't think we've talked about the prison crisis on ERT. We can also talk about the governor's prisoner transfer plan that started this month. Who wants this story?

Links to info:

<http://www.sacbee.com/114/story/90969.html>

<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/state/20061122-1739-ca-californiaprisons.html>

-Assessing the Impact of Prop.209- This month marks the 10-year anniversary of Prop.209 (which banned the use of racial preferences in university admissions and state hiring). There was a great article in the U-T a couple weeks ago about the impact of Prop.209. Although Asian students only make up 14% of CA's high school graduates, they make up 41% of UC freshman. On the other hand, black students (3% of HS grads) and white students (32% of HS grads) make up smaller portions of UC's incoming freshman class. Any one interested in this topic?

Article:

[http://www.signonsandiego.com/uniontrib/20061127/news\\_1n27prop209.html](http://www.signonsandiego.com/uniontrib/20061127/news_1n27prop209.html)

-Lining of the All-American Canal. This is another good story that we haven't discussed on the show.

Here's an article and an editorial:

[http://www.signonsandiego.com/uniontrib/20061212/news\\_1n12canal.html](http://www.signonsandiego.com/uniontrib/20061212/news_1n12canal.html)

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Subject: Editors Roundtable Promo for 12-8-06

Promo:

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Now that the much anticipated Iraq Study Group report has been released, what will it mean to the war in Iraq, and the prospects of long term peace in the Middle East? The editors at the roundtable will discuss the contents of the report, and look ahead to how the White House will respond to its recommendations. Also, Paradise Valley Hospital is undergoing a change in ownership. How will the changes impact the South County residents who rely on the hospital for medical care? And, there's only three weeks left before the Chargers can start talking to other cities about building a new stadium. How might changes on the Port Commission affect the team's future in San Diego? That's next time on the Editors Roundtable.

Editors:

Bob Kittle. Editor of the San Diego Union-Tribune Editorial Page.

John Warren. Editor and Publisher of San Diego Voice and Viewpoint.

Tim McClain. Editor of San Diego Metropolitan Magazine.

From: Hank Crook  
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2006 3:25 PM  
To: Shawn Pollack  
Subject: RE: Editors Roundtable - 6 more months  
  
Attachments: att78ec0.bmp

Yes. We should be able to get a guest host for that show. Now that I've taken a closer look at the list, I realized that we have an Editors on the Road event with the San Diego Rotary Club on Thurs. February 15th, so I don't think we can do a TV taping on 2/16. Is it possible to do a different date in February (like 2/9 or 2/23)?

Hank

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From: Shawn Pollack  
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2006 3:09 PM  
To: Hank Crook  
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Even if Gloria is gone for the show on May 11th, will we be having a guest host?

Shawn

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Sent: Friday, December 01, 2006 11:19 AM  
To: Shawn Pollack; Donn Johnson; Ena Newell; Carla Conner; Neal Recker; Donald Benke; Hank Crook

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713	6/22

I'm available if anyone has questions or concerns.

Best,  
Shawn

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Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2006 3:54 PM  
To: Shawn Pollack  
Subject: RE: ERT This Week



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The editors will be:

-Andrew Donohue, from voiceofsandiego.org

-JW August, from 10 News

-Ruben Navarrette, Jr., from the SD Union-Tribune

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From: Shawn Pollack  
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2006 3:30 PM  
To: Hank Crook  
Subject: RE: ERT This Week

That'll work great!

Thanks Hank.

S.

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From: Hank Crook  
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2006 1:08 PM  
To: Shawn Pollack  
Subject: RE: ERT This Week

Shawn,

I think we do. I'm trying to get ahead with my ERT duties for today. Can I give you the full screen info tomorrow?

Hank

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From: Shawn Pollack  
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2006 10:58 AM  
To: Hank Crook  
Subject: ERT This Week

Hi Hank-

Let me know if you wanted to do the full screens to accompany the topic changes this week.

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Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2006 12:01 PM  
To: Nathan Gibbs  
Subject: Editors Roundtable on Road Info

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A Frank Discussion of the Region's Leading Issues

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Host, Editors Roundtable  
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Panelists

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Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2006 11:59 AM  
To: Nathan Gibbs  
Subject: FW: Editor's Roundtable Reminder

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image005.jpg; image004.jpg; image003.jpg; image002.jpg; image001.jpg

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From: Gloria Penner

Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2006 10:53 AM

To: Hank Crook

Subject: ER ideas

Here's a start:

Walmart - either guy from voiceofsan diego for this and Zucchet.

Zucchet

delayed raises for assemblymembers - maybe Alisa on this one

Sanders appointments to outside organizations (is Frye being sidelined; why are

Hueso, Young and Atkins being overloaded? - Smolens or Snow

Let's give Tony a rest for awhile.

Let me know what you think.

Gloria

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Host, Full Focus and Editors Roundtable

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From: Sarah Rothenfluch

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Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2006 12:16 PM  
To: Hank Crook  
Subject: editors

Attachments: editors topics (5.01-7.01).doc

This might provide interesting info for your editors anniversary special (note the dates!)

SJ

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To: Gloria Penner  
Subject: FW: Editor's Roundtable Invitation

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To: Shawn Pollack  
Subject: RE: Editors lineup

Shawn,

I'm going to hold off on the full screens today. I want to do it, but don't have the time. I will plan on putting some full screens together for our show on 12/1.

Hank

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From: Shawn Pollack  
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2006 8:55 AM  
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From: Hank Crook  
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To: Shawn Pollack  
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I'm still thinking about it. We like the idea, I just need to make the time to work on it. I have a busy day. So, let's say maybe for now.

Hank

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Subject: Editors Roundtable Promo for 11-10-06

PROMO:

Now that the Democrats have won the House of Representatives and the Senate, what will it mean to the war in Iraq, immigration reform, and the nation's healthcare coverage? The editors at the roundtable discuss the democratic control of congress, and Donald Rumsfeld's resignation as Secretary of Defense. Also, the editors will talk about the future of San Diego air travel, now that voters have rejected Proposition A. And we'll ask how much privatization of city services San Diegans really want. That's next time on the Editors Roundtable.

Editors:

Michael Smolens, Politics Editor for the San Diego Union-Tribune

David Rolland, Editor of San Diego CityBEAT

Scott Lewis, Co-executive editor for voiceofsandiego.org

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Subject: Editors Roundtable Promo for 11-3-06

PROMO:

What are the most hotly contested propositions on next Tuesday's ballot? Should San Diego voters pass measures to reform City Hall? The editors at the roundtable discuss the proposed taxes on cigarettes and California oil, and whether or not limits should be placed on campaign financing and eminent domain. The editors will also get their last chance to debate the merits of the local airport ballot measure. That's next time on the Editors Roundtable.

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Subject: Editors Roundtable Promo for 10-20-06

PROMO:

The Escondido City Council gave final approval to an ordinance banning the rental of property to illegal immigrants. How will the law affect Escondido's economy, and sense of community? The editors at the roundtable discuss the illegal immigrant rental ban, the new guidelines for interrogating and prosecuting terror suspects, and a congressional report on the scope of Randy "Duke" Cunningham's bribery case. That's next time on the Editors Roundtable.

Editors:

-Ruben Navarrette Jr., a member of the Editorial Board of the San Diego Union-Tribune, and a nationally syndicated columnist

-David Rolland, Editor of San Diego CityBeat  
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-JW August, Managing Editor for KGTV News

From: Hank Crook  
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2006 9:26 AM  
To: Shawn Pollack  
Subject: RE: ERT Guests  
  
Attachments: KPBS Logo.bmp

I'm pretty sure we know what you need. He needs to send you the TV billboard and the Intro by 4pm today. Is that right? Is there anything else you need from him?

Hank

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Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2006 9:23 AM  
To: Hank Crook  
Subject: RE: ERT Guests

Thanks Hank. Just checking that Tom is aware of everything he needs to get to me?

Shawn

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Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2006 7:49 AM  
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Subject: RE: ERT Guests

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From: Hank Crook  
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2006 3:55 PM  
To: Nathan Gibbs  
Subject: FW: Editors Roundtable Flyer

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image013.jpg; image014.jpg; image015.jpg; image016.jpg; image017.jpg

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From: Marie Ferguson [mailto:[marie@mongercompany.com](mailto:marie@mongercompany.com)]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2006 3:51 PM  
To: bob.kittle@uniontrib.com; 'Tim McClain'; tony.perry@latimes.com; Sarah  
Rothenfluch; John Decker; Hank Crook  
Subject: Editors Roundtable Flyer

Here is the flyer that went out announcing the Lunch with the Editors Special. Feel free to forward to any potential invitees.

Regards,

Marie Ferguson  
The Monger Company  
(619) 544-7000

Lunch with the Editors:  
A Frank Discussion of the Region's Leading Issues

Moderator

Gloria Penner  
Host, Editors Roundtable

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Perry

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San Diego, California 92101

From: Gloria Penner  
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2006 10:41 AM  
To: Sarah Rothenfluch; Hank Crook; Natalie Walsh; Graciela Sevilla; Mary Garbesi  
Subject: FW: McSwain's areas of interest

Here's a note from Dan McSwain. Apparently he's willing and able, and he's really good. Hank, we could use him when we don't have Kittle - either on the original editors weeks or on the alternate editors weeks.  
Gloria

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From: dan.mcswain@uniontrib.com [mailto:dan.mcswain@uniontrib.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2006 10:02 AM  
To: Gloria Penner  
Subject: McSwain's areas of interest

Gloria:

Thanks again for inviting me onto Full Focus last week. It's always good to see you, and to watch a master at work. I'm just now remembering to send you this note to pencil out my areas of expertise for your Editors Roundtable bench:

Strong points:  
Economy, energy (I covered the power crisis for 18 months, as well as covering the gasoline, housing and insurance markets full time as a reporter).  
Pension financing (or lack thereof!); locally and statewide, public and private sector.  
North County local issues, politics, policy; county Board of Supervisors

Weak points: San Diego and national politics.



I hope this helps.

Dan McSwain  
Editorial Writer  
The San Diego Union-Tribune

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From: Gloria Penner  
Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2006 2:11 PM  
To: John Decker; Sarah Rothenfluch; Hank Crook; Doug Myrland  
Subject: FW: Editors Roundtable

Rotary is apparently excited. So - by that time we should be really experienced on the road. I'll put Hank in touch with the right person at Rotary to implement all this when the time comes.  
Gloria

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From: Debbie Day [mailto:debbieday@egca.org]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2006 2:05 PM  
To: Gloria Penner  
Cc: Joyce Gattas; 'Chet Lathrop (Chet Lathrop)'; 'Chet Lathrop-personal'  
Subject: RE: Editors Roundtable

This is fabulous Gloria. Thanks so much for bring this to Rotary. It will be a much anticipated day!

Debbie

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From: Gloria Penner [mailto:gpenner@kpbs.org]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2006 10:46 AM  
To: Debbie Day  
Cc: Joyce Gattas; Chet Lathrop (Chet Lathrop); Chet Lathrop-personal  
Subject: RE: Editors Roundtable

Hi Debbie et al -

Could you hold 2/15 for our Editors date? We are going to check and make sure that the original editors (Kittle, McClain and Warren) will be available on that date. Assuming they are, we'll go for that.

Gloria

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Thanks to both of you and have a great weekend.

Debbie

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From: Gloria Penner [mailto:gpenner@kpbs.org]  
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2006 12:16 PM  
To: Debbie Day  
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Subject: RE: Editors Roundtable

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Debbie

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Sent: Friday, September 29, 2006 11:06 AM  
To: Debbie Day; Joyce Gattas  
Subject: Editors Roundtable

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Gloria

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Listen to Editors Roundtable Fridays at 9 am

From: Hank Crook  
Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2006 11:27 AM  
To: Shawn Pollack  
Subject: RE: Editors line-up and topics

Yeah. I got confused.

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From: Shawn Pollack  
Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2006 11:26 AM  
To: Hank Crook  
Subject: RE: Editors line-up and topics

Hank- You mean Friday's show, right?

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From: Hank Crook  
Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2006 11:24 AM  
To: Shawn Pollack  
Subject: Editors line-up and topics

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From: Gloria Penner  
Sent: Tuesday, October 03, 2006 1:53 PM  
To: Shawn Pollack; Hank Crook  
Cc: Ena Newell  
Subject: RE: Editors Roundtable

Attachments: KPBS logo.bmp

Shawn,  
why don't you find us in our corner of the second floor so we can get to see who will receive all the stuff from us next Thursday/Friday.

Gloria

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From: Shawn Pollack  
Sent: Monday, October 02, 2006 4:03 PM  
To: Hank Crook; Gloria Penner  
Cc: Ena Newell  
Subject: Editors Roundtable

Just a reminder that Carla is out on maternity leave, and I will be helping out with Editors Roundtable for the next couple months. So info for this weeks show can be sent directly to me.

THANKS!

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From: Carla Conner  
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2006 10:02 AM  
To: Hank Crook; Gloria Penner  
Cc: Shawn Pollack  
Subject: FW: Editors Roundtable on TV tomorrow

Please send all info regarding the October shows to Shawn and cc him on info for tomorrows show just to be safe.

Thank you.

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From: Hank Crook  
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2006 9:27 AM  
To: Carla Conner  
Subject: RE: Editors Roundtable on TV tomorrow

Thanks for the reminder. The Editors will be Bob, Tim and John. I'm still firming up the topics.

Hank

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From: Carla Conner  
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2006 9:16 AM  
To: Hank Crook; Gloria Penner; Donald Benke; Neal Recker;  
deborah.davisgi@coxmedia.com  
Cc: Sarah Rothenfluch; Shawn Pollack  
Subject: Editors Roundtable on TV tomorrow

Just a reminder that Editors Roundtable will be taped for COX TV tomorrow.

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From: Gloria Penner  
Sent: Tuesday, October 03, 2006 10:37 AM  
To: Sarah Rothenfluch; Nancy Worlie; John Decker; Doug Myrland; Hank Crook  
Subject: RE:

I guess I've missed something here since I was out yesterday. Have you all seen an ad that I haven't seen? who looks white and middle-aged? who is white and middle aged? who among the alternate editors isn't white and middle-aged? When does one enter middle-age and when does one leave middle-age? We can discuss white and alternate colors later. Any gender questions?

Gloria

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From: Sarah Rothenfluch  
Sent: Monday, October 02, 2006 11:44 AM  
To: Nancy Worlie; John Decker; Doug Myrland; Hank Crook; Gloria Penner  
Subject: RE:

-Gloria should be called host or moderator in both the paragraph and the list of names. We should try to keep it consistent. Personally I prefer host

-Whichever you choose should be in small letters in the paragraph (ie. "host Gloria Penner")

-I'd also restructure slightly as follows:

The popular KPBS radio program The Editors Roundtable goes on the road for a live, interactive show. The Editors, along with host Gloria Penner, will discuss critical election issues facing San Diego.

Finally, something to think about for the future... this ad makes us look very white and middle-aged. We obviously show that on Cox every two weeks, but it is something we should think about if we do another of these with "alternate" editors.

Sarah Jane Rothenfluch  
Senior Producer, These Days  
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From: Nancy Worlie  
Sent: Monday, October 02, 2006 11:12 AM  
To: John Decker; Doug Myrland; Sarah Rothenfluch; Hank Crook; Gloria Penner  
Subject: RE:

My edits... take em or leave em!

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Gloria Penner: Host, Editors Roundtable, KPBS

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Marie@MongerCompany.com

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From: John Decker  
Sent: Monday, October 02, 2006 10:41 AM  
To: Nancy Worlie; Doug Myrland; Sarah Rothenfluch; Hank Crook; Gloria Penner  
Subject: Fwd:

Any suggestions?

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Marie Ferguson" <marie@mongercompany.com>  
Date: October 2, 2006 10:26:07 AM PDT  
To: <jdecker@kpbs.org>  
Cc: <breyes@kpbs.org>

Hi John,

Here is the ad that is going to appear in the Metropolitan.

Let me know if you need anything else.

Marie

MARIE FERGUSON

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Strategic Advocates

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From: Gloria Penner  
Sent: Saturday, September 30, 2006 2:53 PM  
To: Sarah Rothenfluch; John Decker; Hank Crook  
Subject: Fwd: RE: Editors Roundtable

Here's the latest.

Gloria

>From: "Debbie Day" <debbieday@egca.org>  
>To: "'Gloria Penner'" <gpenner@kpbs.org>  
>Cc: "'Joyce Gattas'" <gattas@mail.sdsu.edu>,  
> "Chet Lathrop \"(Chet Lathrop\\)\" <members@rotary33.org>,  
> "Chet Lathrop-personal" <chet@rotary33.org>  
>Subject: RE: Editors Roundtable  
>Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2006 14:53:24 -0700  
>X-Mailer: Microsoft Office Outlook, Build 11.0.6353  
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>X-Mlf-UniqueId: 200609292147380010337  
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From: Sarah Rothenfluch  
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2006 4:25 PM  
To: Kurt Kohnen; Hank Crook  
Subject: RE: Editors' Event

We're on the same page. As soon as we know the place we'll let you know.

Sarah Jane Rothenfluch  
Senior Producer, These Days  
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From: Kurt Kohnen  
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2006 4:10 PM  
To: Sarah Rothenfluch; Hank Crook  
Subject: Editors' Event

Hey,

At your earliest convenience, please send me any info. you have regarding the location of the event (i.e.-location, contact, # of guests, time, elements, etc.). I would like to conduct a site visit in the next two weeks.

thanks!

Kurt Kohnen  
Technical Director  
KPBS Radio, 89.5fm  
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San Diego, CA 92182  
Phone: 619-594-5285  
email: kkohnen@kpbs.org

From: Gloria Penner  
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 4:43 PM  
To: Debbie Day; Joyce Gattas  
Cc: bsllorge@pacbell.net; 'Diane Bell'  
Subject: RE: Programming Question

I understand and we'll work around the established schedule, assuming it all comes together. I'll stay in touch.  
Gloria

-----Original Message-----

From: Debbie Day [mailto:debbieday@egca.org]  
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 3:10 PM  
To: Gloria Penner; Joyce Gattas  
Cc: bsllorge@pacbell.net; 'Diane Bell'  
Subject: RE: Programming Question

Hi Gloria - 2007 would be perfect. We would need to have an option or two in advance. Some dates are already booked.  
Debbie

-----Original Message-----

From: Gloria Penner [mailto:gpenner@kpbs.org]  
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 2:53 PM  
To: Debbie Day; Joyce Gattas  
Cc: bsllorge@pacbell.net; Diane Bell  
Subject: RE: Programming Question

Wonderful response. KPBS is having some meetings on the road show idea this week. I'll get back to you after I have some more information. I have a feeling that we're probably looking at 2007 for the Rotary appearance.  
Gloria

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From: Debbie Day [mailto:debbieday@egca.org]  
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2006 7:21 AM  
To: Joyce Gattas; Gloria Penner  
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Right on Joyce!  
Debbie

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From: Joyce Gattas [mailto:gattas@mail.sdsu.edu]  
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2006 5:09 PM  
To: Debbie Day; 'Gloria Penner'  
Cc: bsllorge@pacbell.net; 'Diane Bell'  
Subject: RE: Programming Question

I think it is a great idea--it will show the innovative programs that our Rotary does, it will be more visibility for our rotary, and we will all feel that we are part of a radio show^^

At 04:13 PM 9/22/2006, Debbie Day wrote:

>Hi Gloria

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>This is an idea I've had in the back of my head for a long time only I  
>was thinking of a smaller version. To be able to have the real thing  
>on our platform would be terrific. I would be all in favor of  
>this. We could start the meeting at 12:15 and just have the bare  
>minimum of announcements. What do the rest of you think?

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>Debbie

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>From: Gloria Penner [mailto:gpenner@kpbs.org]

>Sent: Friday, September 22, 2006 2:19 PM

>To: debbieday@egca.org

>Cc: bslarge@pacbell.net; Joyce Gattas; Diane Bell

>Subject: Programming Question

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>KPBS Radio is thinking about taking Editors Roundtable on the road and  
>the question came up whether Rotary would be interested in having Bob  
>Kittle, Tim McClain and John Warren and me actually tape an Editors  
>Roundtable radio program at Rotary during a regular Thursday luncheon  
>for broadcast the next morning. Instead of having telephone callers,  
>we would take questions from the floor. The trick is that the radio  
>program is an hour long, so we would have to start the program no later

>than 12:30. What do you think? Our audio engineers and staff would  
>take care of prepping the room for appropriate sound, of course.

>Gloria

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From: Sarah Rothenfluch

Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2006 5:43 PM

To: Hank Crook

Subject: editors 9/1

FYI - I am going to speak with Maureen today about doing editors on Friday September 1 when both Gloria and Tom are away. I'll keep you posted.

SJ

Sarah Jane Rothenfluch

Senior Producer, These Days

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From: Gloria Penner  
Sent: Thursday, August 03, 2006 1:18 PM  
To: Hank Crook; Carla Conner  
Subject: RE: ERT on 9/15

9/15 is OK with me. Let me know when it's firm. See you Monday.

Gloria

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>From: Carla Conner

>Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2006 1:15 PM

>To: Hank Crook

>Subject: ERT on 9/15

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>Hi Hank,

>COX is checking to see if we can tape a show for TV on 9/15. I m checking

>on Studio Availability, but wanted to check that you plan to have a

>regular show that day and that Gloria will be available.

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>Thanks,

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Briefly - he was grateful for what I said in David's article;  
...said he wouldn't call David back because David was pressuring him (I told him D. was on deadline);  
...said he would be willing to talk about this on ER (I don't think it's necessary unless we get a call);  
...didn't like being called a fraudster;  
...reiterated that the African American Sports Council is run by volunteers and that's where the error was made because they didn't file the correct papers;  
...said he and his wife had put so much money into the Gold Coast Classic that they could have been rich people by now;  
...said U-T made an error in naming him as the culprit and never retracted it. He's not happy with the U-T reporter;  
...will write a full article about this in next week's paper so everyone can know the truth!!  
Gloria

Gloria Penner  
Host, Full Focus and Editors Roundtable  
Watch Full Focus Weekdays at 6:30 pm and 11 pm  
Listen to Editors Roundtable Fridays at 9 am

From: Gloria Penner  
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 11:07 AM  
To: Doug Myrland; Nancy Worlie; Hank Crook  
Subject: RE: City Beat

I'd love it if it were to end here. But I think we may get some reaction - internal and external. So be it.  
Gloria

-----Original Message-----

From: Doug Myrland  
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 10:58 AM  
To: Nancy Worlie; Gloria Penner; Hank Crook  
Subject: City Beat

<http://www.sdcitybeat.com/article.php?id=4618>

As usual, I think Rolland is perfectly fair and accurate--I think we did the right thing here, and even though his article implies some disapproval, we will get a few points for loyalty. Doug

From: Gloria Penner  
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2006 4:47 PM  
To: Doug Myrland; Hank Crook  
Cc: Graciela Sevilla; Natalie Walsh

Here's another guest that got probation on a misdemeanor charge. We used Larry pretty often on FF. I would think we'll apply the same standards to him as we are applying to John Warren.  
Gloria

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From: Larry Remer [mailto:[larryrem@primacygroup.net](mailto:larryrem@primacygroup.net)]  
Sent: Saturday, July 22, 2006 10:42 PM  
Subject: fyi

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Remer, Zasueta get fine, probation in college case

Both men say charges were result of politics

By Onell R. Soto  
UNION-TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

July 22, 2006

A political consultant and the former president of a local community college were sentenced in San Diego federal court yesterday to three years' probation for using school funds in a political campaign.

Consultant Larry Remer and former Southwestern College President Serafin Zasueta each was ordered to pay \$2,945.24 in restitution to the college, as well as a \$5,000 fine.

Judge John A. Houston also ordered both men to perform 100 hours of community service at the direction of a federal probation officer.

The charges grew out of the \$5,890 bill for a television commercial for a bond measure that was paid for out of the South Bay college's theater budget rather than by campaign funds.

"I regret that the resources have been spent on this investigation," Zasueta said outside court. "There was never any intent to defraud."

Both men and their lawyers said the charges were the result of politics at the community college's board and at the U.S. Attorney's Office.

"This was, at best, an educational code violation," said Zasueta's lawyer, Patrick Hall.

Both Remer and Zasueta said they offered to plead guilty to misdemeanors two years ago, before a federal grand jury indicted them on felony charges and before a jury hearing Remer's case was unable to reach a verdict.

"This case never should have been brought," Remer said, adding that prosecutors "concocted this whole crazy idea that there was wire fraud and mail fraud."

Prosecutors denied that politics played a part in their decisions.

"The government still feels this was an appropriate case to be brought," Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul S. Cook said in court.

Remer and Zasueta pleaded guilty in May to a misdemeanor charge of breaking the rules governing how money is spent in political campaigns. It occurred during their efforts to promote a school bond measure approved in 2000.

The bond measure, Proposition AA, is raising \$89 million for the Chula Vista college.

When the Alexandria, Va., company that produced the ad billed the campaign committee Remer set up to support the measure, the committee was out of money. So Remer had Zasueta pay the company by buying "outtakes" from the commercial shoot for use by the school's audio-video department.

In court yesterday, Cook said that act, complicated by Remer and Zasueta's "arrogance" and "cover-up" warranted the prosecution and a lengthy probation term.

Zasueta, 63, was the college's president from 1997 to 2003, when he was fired after

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a controversial tenure that included inquiries into his spending and squabbles with faculty and others.

He sued the district over his firing, saying allegations made against his administration were unfounded, and the suit was settled confidentially. He has retired to Long Beach.

Remer, 55, of La Jolla has long been a prominent local political consultant on Democratic campaigns.

In recent years he worked for Assemblyman Juan Vargas - who attended yesterday's court hearing - in unsuccessful attempts to unseat Rep. Bob Filner from his 51st Congressional District seat.

Remer also worked with San Diego City Councilwoman Donna Frye in her campaign for mayor, which she lost to Jerry Sanders.

At yesterday's hearing, defense lawyer Michael Pancer asked the judge not to order Remer not to associate with felons, a standard condition of probation. Remer later explained that was so he could spend time with former San Diego Councilman Ralph Inzunza, who is free pending appeal of his conviction of felony conspiracy, extortion and wire fraud charges.

From: Gloria Penner  
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2006 10:26 AM  
To: Hank Crook  
Subject: RE: John Warren

Importance: High

Hank,  
Send this on to Doug and also just tell Dave thanks for his inquiry and we'll get back to him. Don't give him any info because I'm sure he'll use it for some piece in Citybeat.  
Gloria

-----Original Message-----

From: Hank Crook  
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2006 2:28 PM  
To: Gloria Penner  
Subject: FW: John Warren

-----Original Message-----

From: David Rolland [mailto:davidr@sdcitybeat.com]  
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2006 2:26 PM  
To: Hank Crook  
Subject: John Warren

Hey Hank.

I'm going to you first because you're the producer of Editor's Roundtable, but I suspect you'll either direct me to someone else or pass my e-mail along.

Is Nancy Worlie still handling this stuff?

Anyway, my question is: Is KPBS considering dropping John Warren from the Roundtable lineup in light of the fact that the organization he's president of has pleaded guilty of attempting to defraud the city of San Diego?

Thanks, bud.

Dave

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David Rolland  
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From: Gloria Penner  
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2006 8:35 AM  
To: Doug Myrland  
Cc: Hank Crook  
Subject: John Warren

Hi Doug -  
Today's San Diego U-T local section front page tells that the San Diego African American Sports Association pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor charges. John is president of the association and he and his family are on a 3 year pobation when they can't seek funding from the city. He is scheduled for next Friday's Editors Roundtable, Sarah will still be on vacation next week. Hank will be here and so will I. Any thoughts?  
Gloria

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From: Gloria Penner  
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2006 10:27 AM  
To: Carla Conner  
Cc: Hank Crook  
Subject: RE: Editors Roundtable Updated TV Tape Dates Schedule

I'm sure Hank will let you know when he gets back and figures it out.  
Gloria

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From: Carla Conner  
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2006 8:48 AM  
To: Gloria Penner  
Cc: Hank Crook  
Subject: RE: Editors Roundtable Updated TV Tape Dates Schedule

Thank you for the update. Just let me know who the sub will be when you figure it out.

Thanks,

Carla

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From: Gloria Penner  
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2006 8:38 AM  
To: Carla Conner; 'Deborah.Davis-Gillespie@cox.com'; Hank Crook; Sarah Rothenfluch;  
Donn Johnson; Ena Newell; Neal Recker; Knute O'Brien  
Subject: RE: Editors Roundtable Updated TV Tape Dates Schedule

Just heard from Tim that he won't be with us July 14th.  
Gloria

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From: Carla Conner  
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2006 12:19 PM  
To: Deborah.Davis-Gillespie@cox.com; Hank Crook; Gloria Penner; Sarah Rothenfluch;  
Donn Johnson; Ena Newell; Neal Recker; Knute O'Brien  
Cc: Carla Conner  
Subject: Editors Roundtable Updated TV Tape Dates Schedule

Attached you'll find the updated TV Tape Dates for the remainder of this calendar year. The most recent update is that July 28 has been canceled for TV.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Carla

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From: Sarah Rothenfluch  
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2006 3:11 PM  
To: August, JW; Perry, Tony; Andrew Donohue  
Cc: Gloria Penner; Hank Crook  
Subject: Editors: Andrew Donohue's Articles on the Pension

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And here are the pension articles for Andrew's segment. Please note the Jim Madaffer article at the end which we will do a quick once-around on at the end of the show.

If you could send me a quick reply to let me know that you've received these emails (one with the basic rundown, then three with background articles) I would really appreciate it.

Cheers,

Sarah

#### High-Stakes Pension Case Heads Back to Court

In the wake of a new court ruling, attorneys argue anew in the battle over a decade's worth of pension benefits. A judge's ruling is expected soon.

By ANDREW DONOHUE <<mailto:andrew.donohue@voiceofsandiego.org>> Voice Staff Writer

Wednesday, July 5, 2006 7:44 PM PDT

Thursday, July 6, 2006 | Attorneys in the city of San Diego's high-stakes battle over a decade's worth of employee pension benefits returned to court Wednesday to argue the relevance of an appeals court decision that came down last week in the middle of the judge's deliberations.

City Attorney Mike Aguirre said the ruling, which dealt with a bribery case in the city of Carson, punctuated the oral arguments he delivered in court last week and served "as a timely reminder" of the power of state Government Code 1090. The city attorney argues that pension officials violated the conflict-of-interest statute, rendering void benefit boosts given to employees in 1996 and 2002 -- a proposition that he hopes would halve the city's estimated \$1.4 billion pension deficit.

Opposing attorneys for the pension system, unions and retirees told the judge the appeals court ruling has little in common with the case at hand; their original arguments still hold true to the current case, unaffected by the appeals court decision, they said.

"Carson changes nothing," said Michael Leone, an attorney for the San Diego City Employees' Retirement System.

The appeals court decision in the Carson case came down suddenly last week, throwing a new twist into a case that will determine the next stage of the city of San Diego's attempts at financial recovery. Judge Jeffrey B. Barton was in the midst of ruling on a motion from Aguirre asking the judge to forgo a jury trial and rule that pension deals struck in 1996 and 2002 are void.

Attorneys said after the hearing they expect Barton's ruling either this week or the following week. If he were to deny Aguirre's motion, the case would likely be headed for a lengthy jury trial.

In the Carson case, the city of Carson sued to recover a low-interest \$850,000 loan it had made to the owners of a senior housing project, claiming that the public financing was obtained as part of a corrupt deal that violated the 1090 statute. Michael and Bertha Padilla, the owners of the housing complex, had paid former mayor pro tem Agapito Diaz Fajardo a \$75,000 bribe in order to help secure the low-interest loan for their project.

The court ruled that the benefits of any contract tainted by a 1090 violation are automatically forfeited. The Padillas had argued that forfeiture was not automatic and should instead be determined on a case-by-case basis.

"Regardless of whether the third party who obtained the contract is an innocent victim, the public entity is entitled to recover all consideration it paid to the third party," the June 28 ruling states.

The ruling continues: "We have sympathy for their ordeal, and they may be placed in an economic bind by the disgorgement, but their interest must yield to the greater interest of the public."

Aguirre argues that a violation of 1090 occurred in 1996 and 2002, alleging that pension board trustees who were also city employees were enticed to allow the city minimize its annual pension bills in exchange for beefed-up benefits. As such, he contends that all benefits given to all employees as part of the 1996 and 2002 deals should be wiped clean from the city's books.

Parroting a conclusion reached by the judges in the Carson case, Aguirre said that nothing stops employees and the City Council from returning to the bargaining table after the benefits are voided and reaching new labor agreements "without tainted benefits."

"Once the violation occurs, the benefits are done," he said.

Aguirre was joined by Anthony Taylor, the attorney who argued the case on behalf of the city of Carson. The City Attorney's Office was able to locate him over the holiday break and hired him to assist in the case.

Ann Smith, an attorney for the Municipal Employees Association, said the Padillas of the Carson case can hardly be compared to the city employees who would be impacted by a benefit rollback.

"A party who pays a bribe in order to get a contract is not an innocent party in that contract," he said.

Smith argued that a new deal simply cannot be crafted because employees cannot forfeit the labor they've already given under the current labor contracts. Also, she said the pension deals were made up of a number of components, not simply one contract as in the Carson case.

Leone argued that it was the city itself that paid the bribe in the pension deals, so if there were a 1090 violation, the city would have to give back the money it shortchanged the pension system dating back to 1996.

Joel Klevens, who represents the firefighters union, said in Carson the court was asked to rule on only one new thing: whether extortion was considered a violation of 1090, something not relevant to the case at hand.

"That's it. Nothing else is new," he said.

Smith and Leone also repeated their previous arguments why the benefits shouldn't be revoked, saying that the pension deals represent not a contract but legislation, and the court can't be asked to interpret motive and influence in legislation. Smith also reiterated her assertion that the judge can't void the benefits because police officers, deputy city attorneys and some retirees aren't represented by attorneys in this specific case.

Barton, for his part, didn't ask attorneys on either side any questions Wednesday. In order for him to grant Aguirre's motion for a speedy judgment, he would have to determine there to be no factual disputes surrounding a 1090 violation that would require a jury trial. He would then have to rule that he has the legal authority in this case to void the benefits.

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## Pension System Seeks to Solve IRS Issues

The city will likely face a \$33 million bill and a quandary with its highest-paid pensioners as the pension system works to fix its past tax violations.

By ANDREW DONOHUE <<mailto:andrew.donohue@voiceofsandiego.org>> Voice Staff Writer

Tuesday, July 4, 2006 10:38 PM PDT

Wednesday, July 5, 2006 | In order to fall back into the good graces of the Internal Revenue Service, the city's troubled pension system will likely be asking the City Council sometime soon to do two things: pay a surprise \$33.8 million bill and figure

out a different way to pay for those retirees whose pension checks top \$13,000 a month.

The probable requests surfaced after attorneys and consultants for the pension system identified five separate potential violations of IRS tax code stemming from the way in which the San Diego City Employees' Retirement System receives and dispenses of the cash in its \$4 billion fund.

The violations, the practical impact of an era in which the pension system became a focus of the Justice Department and the Securities and Exchange Commission, are a reminder that the pension system has another master to serve: the IRS. And, if left unaddressed, they would damage the very tax-exempt status that spurs the existence of a separate pension system altogether.

"It would really cease the function (of the fund) as a saving institution for retirements," said Mark Sullivan, a pension board member who oversees a committee evaluating concerns raised by a January internal investigation.

On Friday, tax attorneys for the pensions system were scheduled to file a bundle of corrective actions in the hopes of rectifying the five tax violations it has self-reported to the IRS. The violations range from the obscure to the infamous -- from pension nuances to the special union president benefit at the heart of five corruption indictments brought by the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Sullivan believes the system will be able to rectify its issues with the IRS and doesn't believe its tax-qualified status will be threatened.

The move is one of a laundry list of items the pension system and the City Council must undertake to sort out the numerous legal and accounting irregularities that sprout from the pension crisis.

"There are easily two dozen issues or more that are recommended remediation or changes, all of which are being closely tracked by the mayor's administration," said Fred Sainz, spokesman for Mayor Jerry Sanders.

The filing also will likely result in the presentation of a \$33 million bill to the cash-strapped city of San Diego in order to make up for past violations related to the retiree health care benefit.

In 1982, the city began granting a health care allowance to retirees. But rather than set up a separate fund and cover the cost from the city's annual budget, officials instead began siphoning off the retirement fund's investment earnings and using them to pay for a portion of the retiree health care benefit, among other things.

Investigators found that, for tax purposes, the city should have set up a separate trust to handle the distribution of the benefit, and that it should have been paid for from a source other than investment earnings. Investment earnings, which are supposed to be squirreled away to make up for bad investment years, were used in part to pay the benefit from 1985 until 1992 and then again from 1997 until 2005.

"Where the money came from and how it was given to retirees was illegal," Sullivan said.

Administrators set up a trust in 1997, which provided the fund with the proper structure to administer the benefit under the tax code, Sullivan said.

But attorneys for the pension system have opined that the city owes \$8.2 million in backlogged costs because the pension system -- not the city -- paid for the benefit. In addition, the pension system should also bill the city \$1.5 million for the administrative costs of handling the city's work, attorneys said.

Then there's interest. Because the costs were incurred beginning in 1982, the price



tag for interest: \$24.1 million.

The pension system submitted to the IRS this calculation for its approval. Sullivan said the city could be asked pay off the \$33.8 million sum over a five-year period.

"Either the IRS buys off on that or they don't. If they don't, I suspect it will be because it's not big enough," said trustee Bill Sheffler of the payment.

Although the \$33.8 million payment is likely to be spread out over a number of years, any additional cost to the city comes at a time when city officials are trying to scratch out any extra bucks in order to fund admittedly neglected areas: depleted emergency reserves, backlogged maintenance repairs, the pension system and a newly created fund to cover the retiree health care benefit.

"It's at a very, very, very, preliminary stage. So we haven't got the point to determine if we agree with the finding or how we would pay for it if we did agree," Sainz said.

The bill is one in a long line of clean-ups facing the pension system that, if enacted by the pension system or City Council, are likely to further strain the city's tight general fund -- the account that covers basic, day-to-day expenses such as public safety, street repairs and parks.

Throughout the last two decades, many decisions were made by city and pension officials that alleviated the pension system's costs to the city in the short-term. A number of benefits are held off of the system's books and paid for by investment earnings, something that, on the books, lowers the pension system's liabilities and the city's annual payment into the pension system. Likewise, the amortization period used by the city to pay off the deficit allows the burden to be pushed off into the future.

Pension and city officials have signaled their intent to alter a number of these practices, moves that would shift a greater size of the pension burden off of future generations and back to today's taxpayers.

"We're trying to assess the implications, because at the end of the day many of them will have general fund implications," Sainz said.

Having tax-exempt status is important to the retirement system so the IRS determination plays an important role. A pension is treated differently than annual salary under tax code. Typically, both employers and employees are taxed in the distribution of income. However, with the IRS' blessing, any income taxes on contributions into the pension fund are deferred from the time the contribution is made until it is actually paid out.

"We need to comply with the IRS," Sheffler said. "The plan would be disqualified if we didn't go after the money."

Other self-reported IRS violations include technical aspects of administering the pension system. One also touches on the presidential leave benefits, which was thought to have violated the IRS code because it allowed unions to pay contributions into the pension fund. Typically, only the city would pay such employer contributions.

Another IRS code forbids pension systems from paying out pension benefits above a certain level, which Sullivan calculated at about \$13,000 a month -- or \$156,000 a year.

Sheffler, an actuary by trade, said the law was put into place to "keep fat cats from exploiting these pension systems."

However, with employees sometimes making six-figure salaries and spending three decades at the city, reaching such a level is hardly unheard of. As such, officials

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said they will likely have to ask the city to either set up a separate fund to pay any benefits above and beyond this level or simply pay the annual sum from the appropriate city budget.

Pension officials weren't certain as of press time how many retirees earn above the \$13,000-a-month threshold. David Arce, the system's operations manager, said he imagines the number will be somewhere between five and 25 pensioners.

Attempts to determine who met that threshold were unsuccessful as of press time.

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### Judge Calls New Hearing in Pension Case

A new ruling from the appeals court could impact the city attorney's challenge to employee benefits.

By ANDREW DONOHUE <mailto:andrew.donohue@voiceofsandiego.org> Voice Staff Writer

Monday, July 3, 2006 5:20 PM PDT

Friday, June 30, 2006 | The judge overseeing the challenge to a decade's worth of employee pension benefits has called a special hearing for Wednesday after an appellate court issued a ruling that could impact City Attorney Mike Aguirre's contention that pension deals in 1996 and 2002 are void.

The ruling, issued in a case involving the city of Carson Redevelopment Agency, appears to run parallel to Aguirre's theory that the judge should wipe away hundreds of millions of dollars in pension benefit boosts given to city of San Diego employees because pension trustees violated the state's conflict-of-interest laws in approving deals in 1996 and 2002.

In his primary argument, the city attorney contends that the judge must throw out the contracts because of the violations of state Government Code 1090. Benefits granted to all employees, regardless of their involvements in the deals, should be declared illegal, he argues.

In the Carson case, the appeals court upheld a ruling that a contract between the owners of a housing complex and the city of Carson Redevelopment Agency must be voided after it was revealed that the owners paid a \$75,000 bribe to Carson's former mayor pro tempore in order to receive an \$850,000 loan from the agency at 4 percent interest.

"Regardless of whether the third party who obtained the public contract is an innocent victim, the public entity is entitled to recover all consideration it paid to the third party," the state's 2nd District Court of Appeals found.

Judge Jeffrey Barton, who is overseeing the San Diego pension case, found the ruling may be relevant to Aguirre's case. Barton has called a hearing for next Wednesday at 9 a.m. to address the appeals court's ruling.

On Monday, Barton heard arguments from Aguirre and his opponents in the case -- the pension system and City Hall employee unions. Aguirre has asked the judge to issue a

summary judgment in the case, a motion that, if successful, would forgo a lengthy jury trial. The city attorney claims his challenge would halve a pension deficit estimated to be at least \$1.4 billion.

Barton is in the midst of issuing his ruling and said Monday not to expect a decision this week.

The Carson case does contain some notable differences from the city attorney's case, but it forced the appeals court to closely analyze one of the key issues with which Barton has been asked to grapple: whether third parties that didn't violate the 1090 statute can suffer because of someone else's conflict.

The conflict-of-interest statute forbids public officials from creating contracts in which they have a financial interest.

That is the heart of the city attorney's argument -- that pension trustees approved a deal that offered them, and all city employees, benefit boosts in exchange for allowing the city to pay less into the pension system annually.

However, in the Carson case, the public official, Agapito Diaz Fajardo, didn't have the direct financial interest in the contract typical of many 1090 cases.

Instead, he was found to have taken part in straight extortion, according to the ruling. Fajardo received \$75,000 in extortion money from the owners of the senior housing complex, Michael and Bertha Padilla.

As such, the Padilla's argued that the contract cannot be voided because Fajardo didn't have a direct financial interest in the contract. For example, a standard 1090 case oftentimes will involve a public official having a direct business interest in a contract that the official helped craft.

The appeals court decided the existence of extortion does constitute a violation of the 1090 code and upheld a ruling that the Padilla's must repay the \$850,000 to the redevelopment agency.

"The principle issue in this appeal, the interpretation of section 1090, is a far-reaching one that calls upon us to examine the public policy of the State of California and carefully analyze when, if ever, individuals can retain consideration paid to them pursuant to a public contract that was secured through payments extorted by a corruption public officials," the ruling states.

The ruling continues: "Section 1090 was designed to protect the public; to hold as the Padillas urge would subvert the purpose of section 1090 by giving life to contracts born of conflicts of interest."

At one point during Monday's hearing in the pension case, Barton asked Aguirre if a conflict-of-interest violation wouldn't simply void the benefits of those who committed the violation, not the benefits of all employees. He has also questioned whether he would be able to void the benefits of employees who aren't represented in the court proceedings.

Attorneys for blue-collar and white-collar employees, firefighters and a group of retirees have joined the pension system in challenging Aguirre's suit, but other retirees, deputy city attorneys and police officers have not entered the case.

Michael Leone, the lead attorney for the pension system, argues that the benefits aren't part of a contract, but legislation passed by the City Council. The court cannot interpret influence and motive in judging legislation, he argues. Doing so, Leone says, would have the court legislating.

Aguirre also argues that the pension deals violated local and state laws forbidding municipalities from going into debt without a vote of the public. Leone says that provision applies to the city, so it cannot be relevant in a lawsuit brought by the

city against the pension system.

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## Pension-case lawyers debate ruling

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## Decision's impact in San Diego argued

By Jennifer Vigil  
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City Attorney Michael Aguirre argued yesterday that an appellate court ruling bolsters his crusade to eliminate certain pension benefits for San Diego employees, while opposing attorneys said other precedents should weigh more heavily in the judge's deliberations.

Superior Court Judge Jeffrey Barton, who is presiding over the city's primary pension case, heard highly divergent interpretations of the June 28 decision by the state's 2nd District Court of Appeal.

In the case Carson Redevelopment Agency v. Padilla, the appeals court upheld a Los Angeles Superior Court decision in favor of the agency, which had sparred with a pair of landowners over a senior housing project.

Aguirre has personally argued the city's main pension case for most of the year, with help from his office's attorneys. Yesterday, he was joined by a lawyer who helped handle the Carson case for the redevelopment agency.

The city attorney quoted from the appeals court decision, telling Barton that "recovery of public money" should not be considered punishment, but a necessary remedy under the law.

The opposing attorneys, who include lawyers representing the city's pension system and four groups of employees, countered that the Carson decision "changes nothing"

and was "old news."

They contend that the appellate ruling supports a handful of points that could work against Aguirre's case, including the argument that innocent parties such as the residents of the Carson housing project or current and future city retirees should not be punished for the actions of others.

The Carson case involves a deal between the Los Angeles County city's disgraced former mayor, who pleaded guilty to extortion charges two years ago, and the landowners. The court declared the contract void because of \$75,000 in payments the owners made to the mayor.

Barton called Aguirre and the other attorneys to court because the Carson decision involves the state's conflict-of-interest law, which bars officials from improperly benefiting from their decisions. It also has become the focus of civil and criminal court battles over San Diego's pension system.

The city agreed to retirement benefit increases in 1996 and 2002 that some link to decisions to underfund the pension. Aguirre contends the increases were part of illegal deals between city and pension fund officials that bilked the public and current and future retirees.

The opposing attorneys argue that the benefits came about as part of labor union agreements and subsequent legislation that had nothing to do with separate negotiations between the city and the pension board.

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Pension mess: Public money, private use

Attorneys fought to keep officials' legal bills secret

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Four San Diego City Council members and former Mayor Dick Murphy spent more than \$20,000 in taxpayer funds on private attorneys to keep their legal bills related to pension investigations out of the public eye.

The legal fees were outlined in the latest batch of attorney bills released by the Mayor's Office, which is paying a retired judge to monitor the invoices.

The City Council has approved spending up to \$2.9 million in legal fees for the five politicians.

Attorneys for the five - Toni Atkins, Jim Madaffer, Brian Maienschein, Scott Peters and Murphy - adamantly opposed releasing the bills, which The San Diego Union-Tribune requested in November. They also threatened to sue the city to stop the information from getting out, saying that attorney-client privilege trumps the public's right to know.

In January, Mayor Jerry Sanders brokered a compromise, allowing the politicians' lawyers to edit the bills before their release. He then hired retired Judge Robert J. O'Neill to approve the changes, and the bills were made public Jan. 31.

In an interview, O'Neill said he has yet to find any inappropriate charges or change the edits made by the lawyers. He is paid \$400 an hour.

"It's a watchdog task. It's necessary because nobody trusts anybody" at City Hall, O'Neill said.

Atkins, Madaffer and Maienschein defended the use of taxpayer money to keep the bills private, saying their lawyers are paid to represent them on pension matters, including public-records requests. They also said federal authorities told them not to reveal any information that could jeopardize the pending investigations.

Council President Scott Peters declined to be interviewed about the legal bills.

"I would prefer to release anything and everything I can, but I understand that it would compromise the nature of the investigation being done by federal entities," Atkins said. "At some point, I believe all of this will very much be public."

The legal bills stem from decisions made by city officials in 1996 and 2002 to approve increases in employee retirement benefits while underfunding the pension system.

The pension fund's deficit, now pegged at \$1.43 billion, was not disclosed in documents related to bond issues until 2004. The decisions surrounding that have led to ongoing probes by the U.S. Attorney's Office, Securities and Exchange Commission and the District Attorney's Office.

In all, the council has approved spending up to \$3.1 million for seven past and present elected officials, including former Councilmen Ralph Inzunza and Michael Zucchet, who also voted for the 2002 underfunding plan.

"Those of us who are having to approve the money for these ongoing investigations, I cannot tell you how sick that makes me feel most days when I look at the amounts," Atkins said.

The redactions on the invoices make it difficult to determine exactly how much the lawyers charged to fight the release of the bills.

The latest set of bills covers the period from December to March and was released June 21. The bills show about \$20,660 in charges related to the newspaper's public-records request. The attorneys charged for their conversations with the judge and the mayor's staff and for editing and reviewing the bills.

O'Neill said it shouldn't matter how much the politicians spent to keep their bills private. In his view, their lawyers could have invoked attorney-client privilege to black out a vast majority of the bills and complied with the law.

Instead, O'Neill said the attorneys "bent over backwards" to reveal as much as possible. The only items blacked out were names of witnesses, trial tactics and the subject matter of testimony.

The four council members and Murphy could have waived attorney-client privilege and released unedited bills when the newspaper made its initial request in November. None did.

The legal bills have been a point of contention between council members and City Attorney Michael Aguirre for several months.

Aguirre has long maintained that the bills should be made public. He has accused council members of trying to hide their culpability in the city's financial mess.

Council members have repeatedly said they wouldn't have spent any money on outside attorneys if Aguirre had represented them. He refused to do so and told them to hire lawyers at city expense.

"I think myself and my colleagues were thrown under the bus by the city attorney, and unfortunately the taxpayers have to pay the bill," Madaffer said.

Aguirre did not return a phone message seeking comment about the legal bills.

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#### Jim Madaffer Should Resign

Every so often a story comes out about the councilman that alone isn't enough to force serious contemplation about whether he is fit for office. But when you look at all of those stories together, you can't help but be disgusted.

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wednesday, July 5, 2006 | Recently, Councilman Jim Madaffer found himself apologizing to a constituent. She had sent him a highly critical e-mail and he knew that she worked for a developer who did business with the city occasionally. Madaffer decided he would try to have her boss reprimand her or, potentially, do something harsher.

He apologized to her only after the weekly newspaper CityBeat uncovered a few interesting e-mails and asked him about them.

Taken on its own, this is not that big of a deal. It's a story about a public official who made a bad decision and was forced to make it right by a newspaper.

But it's yet another in a long line of bad decisions by Madaffer -- such a long line, in fact, that when you take it all in, you can't help but be disgusted. This latest story provided a window into his petty vindictiveness. Like many pivotal displays by public figures in the past, this one was interesting because it seems to capture perfectly a much larger story about the man than simply a questionable e-mail.

Stories like this about Madaffer have broken slowly for years. Never once has any of them individually been enough to force serious contemplation about whether he is fit for office. Each of them seems to come and go -- far enough spaced from each other to prevent anyone from adding them all up.

The latest story came on the heels of another revealing series of reports about Madaffer: that he had overspent his allotted budget for last year by \$176,000. To make up the difference, the city was going to have to raid the infrastructure fund set aside for Madaffer's district.

Why did Madaffer's office need to spend so much more money than the other offices of members of the City Council? Because he hired the former press secretary of former Mayor Dick Murphy. He put her in the post of director of the Grantville redevelopment area.

Madaffer has no apparent authority to appoint the leader of the Grantville redevelopment area unilaterally. But he has a characteristic way of being oblivious to legal checks on his power and resources. He hired his new director anyway. He said new revenue from the redevelopment district would pay for the position -- but the district hasn't even been validated yet.

So Madaffer's office is once again projected to overspend its budget by a similar amount this year. It appears that Madaffer does not plan to reduce the number of employees he has. Instead, current plans show he would force them to take what amounts to an average of 10 weeks of unpaid leave.

This would cost them each about \$15,000. But get this: His staffers all earn an average of \$15,000 more than the employees in other council offices. In other words, his staff will receive the same compensation as other City Council staff, but they would deliver 10 fewer weeks of service to the city and Madaffer's district.

This sort of mismanagement should not be surprising to anyone. Madaffer filed for personal bankruptcy twice before winning elected office. And many will remember Madaffer's particular troubles a couple of years ago that provoked the city's water Department to turn off the water to his home and put a padlock on it.

Interpret all of this in the context of what's happening to the city of San Diego right now. Madaffer has made all of the same decisions that former Mayor Dick Murphy made. The city, of course, pushed Murphy into an early retirement. Madaffer, like others on the Council, scoffed at his duty to oversee financial disclosures or to consider the fiscal impact of his pension promises to city workers. Now, he vacillates between expressing concern and regret for his actions and blithely



denying that there's a pension problem at all.

Then, the kicker. Last fall, reporter Andrew Donohue <mailto:andrew.donohue@voiceofsandiego.org> uncovered a series of documents <[http://www.voiceofsandiego.org/voice\\_special\\_reports/no\\_ex-councilman\\_left\\_behind/](http://www.voiceofsandiego.org/voice_special_reports/no_ex-councilman_left_behind/)> that showed Madaffer deliberately bullying city attorneys and staffers to secure approval of a special retirement benefit for former City Councilman Mike Gotch, who had been out of office for a decade. In other words, despite objections by city lawyers, Madaffer eventually handed Gotch and 17 other former elected officials a healthy boost to their pensions. Even though their service to the city had long been finished, Madaffer's priority was to send them more money.

Why would Madaffer make such a special effort to get money into the pocket of a former city official? Madaffer was lobbying Gotch -- then an aide to former Gov. Gray Davis -- to persuade the state to help San Diego purchase parkland in Madaffer's district.

Pensions are supposed to be increased as a way of attracting and retaining quality employees, not as a tool for paying off political pals.

Madaffer, like other city leaders, treated the city's pension fund like a vast reservoir of petty cash propped up by the stock market boom.

When the stock market collapsed, and the pension fund drained like a parched reservoir, all the damage that city leaders had done was revealed.

Yet Madaffer has shown no willingness to support serious reform as the city continues to slog through a financial crisis. He has shown no desire to cut the city's liabilities and instead -- as demonstrated by his own budget -- he's acted time and time again as though the city has a bottomless pit of taxpayer resources to spend.

The list goes on and it will continue to grow. How can we expect Madaffer to improve? He has no record to indicate he can handle money at all yet there is no more important responsibility for an elected officeholder.

Madaffer's long history reveals the traits we least want in our elected officials: fiscal irresponsibility, questionable ethics, petty vindictiveness and an overall tendency to put his own interests in front of the greater good. In a City Hall that has seen a good deal of scrubbing in the last year, the councilman's presence in city affairs is testament to the stark reality that wholesale change still escapes us.

Not long ago, Madaffer came unhinged when San Diego State University decided to take over one of the largest developments in the College Area: the Paseo. Many speculated that the university had taken over the project because of the involvement in it of a controversial figure in the city's pension crisis: Frederick W. Pierce, IV. Pierce had guided the city's pension board through the worst of its decisions.

Nevertheless, Madaffer was incensed with the university and he vowed to fight it to protect Pierce's project.

"This is jihad for my constituents. This is the equivalent of holy war. I am going to forever stick up for my constituents," Madaffer said.

If he does intend to stick up for his constituents, the greatest public service Madaffer could do now is to take leave of his office and give them a chance to find better representation.

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Officials Sound Off On Immigration Reform In Imperial Beach

First In Series Of House Hearings On Immigration Reform Held

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IMPERIAL BEACH, Calif. -- The first in a series of congressional hearings on immigration reform was held today at the Imperial Beach Border Patrol Station, where a number of officials weighed in on the divisive issue.

The hearing, titled "Border Vulnerabilities and International Terrorism, Part I," was sponsored by the House Committee on International Relations' Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation.

The packed hearing is one of several organized nationwide by Republican congressional leaders, who pledged to hold such sessions before negotiating a compromise immigration bill with the Senate.

The Senate plan would beef up border enforcement, offer a path to legalization to millions of undocumented migrants and create a guest worker program, while the House plan focuses on border and interior enforcement.

Rep. Ed Royce, R-Fullerton, who chairs the House subcommittee, said the Border Patrol's budget has increased 64 percent since 2000, but the federal government needs to do a better job securing the border.

"More needs to be done since there is chaos in many (Border Patrol) sectors and the border is still very porous," Royce said.

Rep. Bob Filner, D-Chula Vista, apologized to Border Patrol officials who were called as witnesses at the hearing, saying they were part of a "huge coverup" in Washington, D.C., because the borders have gone unprotected.

Filner said no Republicans have consulted him on border issues, even though his district runs along the border from San Diego to Yuma, Ariz.

Nine Republican and six Democratic Congressional representatives attended the hearing.

Darryl Griffen, chief of the San Diego Border Patrol sector, testified that his agents have apprehended about 108,000 illegal immigrants this year.

He said the recent deployment of California National Guard troops will help "very much so" in patrolling the U.S.-Mexico border.

Griffen said his biggest needs are remote video surveillance equipment and technology that can detect border tunnels.

Corrupt agents are also a problem.

U.S. Border Patrol agents suspected of smuggling drugs and humans into the United States were in hiding today after they apparently were tipped off about the probe, it was reported.

Brothers Fidel and Raul Villarreal, who quit their Border Patrol jobs abruptly last month when they found out they were being investigated for aiding smugglers, may have fled to Mexico.

A little more than a month ago, two customs officers at San Diego border crossings were charged with waving cars loaded with illegal immigrants in exchange for cash.

In January, Oscar Antonio Ortiz, an illegal immigrant from Mexico who got a job as a Border Patrol agent, pleaded guilty to conspiring to smuggle people into the United States.

Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca told the panel that 26 percent of his jail population is composed of illegal immigrants.

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Housing illegal immigrants in Los Angeles County jails costs about \$80 million per year, he said. Last year, the county was reimbursed \$11 million by the federal government, he said.

"That means radio calls, patrol cars on the street, are cut back," the sheriff said. "The situation is severe in Los Angeles County. We have more illegal immigrants in Los Angeles County than anywhere else in the country."

Los Angeles County Supervisor Mike Antonovich, a Republican, reeled off a list of taxpayer-borne costs associated with illegal immigration.

"Our health care delivery system has become the HMO for the world," he said.

He said one of every 15 people in California was in the country illegally and suggested that the U.S. set up medical clinics in Mexico to stem the northward flow.

About 50 people against the House's proposal for immigration reform protested at the entrance to the meeting site.

Pastor Art Cribbs, with the Christian Fellowship United Church of San Diego, called the meeting a "sham," contending that not all the sides were heard.

"We will not be silenced," he said. "We will not be ignored. We will not be counted out. We are here as the uninvited."

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With Deputy Chief Mike Fisher sitting next to him, Chief Patrol Agent for the San Diego sector of the Border Patrol Darryl Griffen answers questions to a panel of congressmen during the Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation held at the Imperial Beach Border Patrol Station on Wednesday.

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Immigration hearing draws cheers and jeers

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SAN DIEGO --- Hundreds of immigration supporters and opponents descended on a congressional field hearing Wednesday at the Imperial Beach Border Patrol station, where law enforcement officials spoke about terrorism and the border.

Groups protested outside the station during the hearing, saying the event was politically driven. It was the first of several nationwide hearings organized by Republican congressional leaders stalling negotiations on opposing immigration reform bills. Human rights activists later held their own "alternative" hearing.

Democrats on the 14-member panel, including San Diego-area U.S. Reps. Bob Filner and Susan Davis, said the congressional hearings were an effort to whip up public support for the House version of the immigration bill, which focuses primarily on tougher enforcement measures. The Senate bill would provide a path to legalize millions of illegal immigrants and would implement a guest-worker program.

"This is a charade," said Filner, whose district includes the patrol station. "It's a cover-up for the fact that they can't produce a bill and they can't secure our borders."

The discussion became heated at times when congressmen on the panel traded barbs. U.S. Rep. Brad Sherman, D-Sherman Oaks, called the hearings a "dog and pony show." But newly elected North County Congressman Brian Bilbray, a Republican, said the hearings were informative and that they exposed the weaknesses in the Senate bill.

"The only dog is the Senate bill," Bilbray said after the hearing. "The Senate bill is so bad that even senators and the president are doing political moonwalks to get away from it."

Activists critical of hearing

The Border Vulnerabilities and International Terrorism hearing was criticized by local immigrant-rights activists. They said Republicans were trying to frame immigration reform in terms of terrorism while ignoring human rights issues.

Immigrant-rights groups, including the Border Angels and the American Friends Service Committee, held a vigil and march outside the Border Patrol station. About 200 protesters gathered there.

Hundreds of tiny wooden crosses were laid out on a grassy area at the corner near the station. The crosses represented the thousands of illegal immigrants who have died during the past decade trying to cross the U.S.-Mexico border. A group of about 30 protestors listened as one of the speakers recited the names of nearly 4,000 of those who have died.

As the names were read, San Bernardino County resident Richard Buttress, 33, yelled out from across the street that the use of the crosses was nothing but "a publicity stunt."

When a protester came up to him and said that out of respect for the dead, he should remain silent, Buttress sounded unrepentant.

"They are trying to blame these people's deaths on America's right to have borders and enforce them," he said.

Inside the station, numerous cheers erupted inside the standing-room-only meeting room where the hearing was held. The crowd of about 100 people included many anti-illegal immigration activists, such as members of the San Diego Minutemen, the Vista Citizens Brigade and You Don't Speak for Me.

These groups have rallied throughout North County protesting day-labor sites and the Mexican flag flying at the Del Mar Fairgrounds during the recent San Diego County Fair.

The hearing was open to the public, but only invited guests were allowed to speak. The speakers included Darryl Griffen, chief patrol agent for the Border Patrol's San Diego sector; Andy Ramirez, chairman of the border watch group Friends of the Border Patrol; San Diego County Sheriff Bill Kolender; and Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca.

All of North County's congressional representatives ---- Bilbray, Darrell Issa, R-Vista, and Duncan Hunter, R-El Cajon ---- participated in the hearing.

#### Enforcing the border

The House version of the most recent federal immigration bill, supported by the local lawmakers, includes a proposal to fund local law enforcement agencies that cooperate with the federal government in arresting illegal immigrants.

Law enforcement officials said they need more money and more officers if Congress wants local agencies to take more responsibility in enforcing immigration laws.

"This is not an issue that can be easily dealt with with a simple solution," Baca said. "We don't have enough jails in America to incarcerate every employer (who hires illegal immigrants) and their workers."

But law professor Kris Kobach of the University of Missouri told the panel that several of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorists had broken immigration and civil laws that could have led to their arrest if local law enforcement agencies would enforce immigration laws.

Bilbray asked Border Patrol officials why they didn't arrest illegal immigrants at day-labor sites, including workers who gather outside North County home-improvement stores. Griffen said the agency's primary focus is patrolling the border. Interior enforcement falls under the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency, he said.

Sherman quipped: "I doubt there are any terrorists at the Home Depot."

The audience responded by booing Sherman.

#### Immigration-rights activists hold separate meeting

Frustrated at a lineup of panelists they called anti-immigrant, local immigrant-rights advocates held their own meeting later in the day at the Mountain View Recreation Center in San Diego.

"None of the panelists were from our community, so we decided to have our own space," said Consuelo Martinez, the coordinator for the Escondido Human Rights Committee.

Two other North County activists participated at the meeting: Yesenia Balcazar with the Vista Human Rights Committee; and Jose Gonzalez, regional coordinator for the Indigenous Front of Binational Organizations, a group that defends the rights of Mexican Indian migrant workers in North County.

At the meeting, local Latinos were invited to talk about the human rights abuses they said they or their family members had suffered at the hands of local law enforcement agencies or the Border Patrol.

San Diego resident Guillermina Renteria, 44, said that her husband left for work on June 27 and never returned. She said that later that day, she got a phone call from

him saying that he had been stopped by the police, who later turned him over to the Border Patrol. She said she has no idea where he is now.

San Diego resident Beverlynn Bravo Balderas told a similar story, of how her husband ---- who is in this country illegally ---- was recently stopped by San Diego police officers and turned over to the Border Patrol.

"I don't know if he is alive or dead," Balderas said.

She said she is an American citizen, who was born in the United States.

She said that she has grown to despise her own country.

"In the Pledge of Allegiance, it says with liberty and justice for all," but I don't see any of that," Balderas said.

On the outside

Outside the hearing at the Border Patrol station, about 14 San Diego Police Department officers kept groups of protesters and counter-protesters cordoned off from one another on Saturn Boulevard at the entrance to the Border Patrol station, Wednesday morning.

A group of about 200 people made up of faith-based groups, labor unions and human rights activists protested the so-called town hall meeting as little more than a political stunt designed to stir up passions.

Christian Ramirez, a San Diego immigrant rights advocate with a Quaker group called the American Friends Service Committee, agreed.

By holding the town-hall meetings across the country, "obviously, they are looking at the November elections," Ramirez said.

"The Republican Party sees this as a hot issue to maintain control of the House and Senate," he said. "By playing on people's fears and using immigration as a tactic, they are obviously trying to hide the fact Republicans are losing the war in Iraq."

A group of about 20 or 30 anti-illegal-immigration demonstrators stood on the other side of the street, waving signs and shouting at the opposing group.

Fallbrook resident Steve Roberts, 58, a member of the anti-illegal immigration group, the California Minutemen, said that when he arrived at the event Wednesday morning, he asked some of the U.S. Border Patrol agents who were present if they were going to check the protestors' identification to see if they were legal residents.

He said that if the government is serious about wanting to stop illegal immigration it has to "hammer" on those who employ illegal immigrants.

"If you take their jobs away and take their benefits away, you'll have to get buses to take them back to Mexico," he said, because they won't want to stay here any longer.

Roberts said he has little sympathy for families who will be split up if the United States ends up deporting the estimated 12 million illegal immigrants living in this country.

"You come here illegally, you reap what you sow," Roberts said.

At odds

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At the rally outside the station, one of the speakers who defended the rights of illegal immigrants was 18-year-old San Diego resident Stephanie Romero. As she started talking about her family, she began sobbing and only was able to continue with encouragement from those in the audience.

Romero, who was born in the U.S. and was recently accepted to study at the University of California Santa Cruz, said that both her mother and her older sister were born in Mexico and are "undocumented immigrants." She said her sister is already in her third year at U.C. Santa Cruz and the family has made a huge effort to help her pay for her studies. Until recently, Romero's mom helped pay for her sister's education ---- she is paying out-of-state tuition rates ---- out of her meager earnings at a fast-food restaurant.

But recently, their mother was diagnosed with stomach cancer and can no longer work, and it will be very difficult for Romero and her sister to complete their educations. She said she is torn about whether to go to school or get a full-time job.

As Congress prepares to pass laws to crack down on illegal immigration, "they don't realize how many people they are hurting," Romero said.

As President Bush pushes for legislation that would allow for many of the illegal immigrants living in this country to begin a path to legalization ---- one that he says would make them go to the end of the line behind those who have been waiting for years to receive visas ---- one woman expressed her outrage Wednesday.

Philippines native Elizabeth Wellner said she is a U.S. citizen, whose brother served in the U.S. military, in WWII and was a survivor of the Bataan death march, in which about 10,000 prisoners of war died. She said her father has several siblings and other relatives for whom he first submitted petitions in the mid-1970s, for them to receive visas to the United States.

None of those petitions have been answered and when her father recently died, all of those family members went back to the end of the line, she said.

"We played by the book and they are still languishing in the Philippines, while illegal immigrants are rewarded with citizenship," Wellner said.

Another hearing, led by Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., was held Wednesday in Philadelphia. A hearing is scheduled for Friday in Laredo, Texas.

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House panel's tour in border-control debate begins in Imperial Beach

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Congressional Republicans meeting in San Diego County yesterday said tough border controls were vital for national security as House and Senate committees sought to build public support for rival approaches to immigration reform at dueling bicoastal hearings.



NELVIN CEPEDA / Union-Tribune

The House International Relations subcommittee on international terrorism and nonproliferation convened a hearing on immigration policy yesterday at the Imperial Beach Border Patrol Station. The panel meets tomorrow in the border city of Laredo, Texas.

"It's elementary that to defend ourselves against our determined and resourceful enemies, our border must be secured," said Rep. Ed Royce, R-Fullerton, as he convened an unusual hearing of the House International Relations subcommittee on international terrorism and nonproliferation yesterday at the Imperial Beach Border Patrol Station.

Democrats denounced the four-hour hearing as a charade.

"These hearings are not designed to legislate," said Rep. Brad Sherman of Sherman Oaks, the panel's ranking Democrat. "They're designed to whip up public opinion. The hearings that our subcommittee (are) having here today have been swallowed up by this political agenda."

In Philadelphia, a Senate committee was told the nation's economy would be ruined if immigration hard-liners prevailed in wholesale deportations of illegal immigrants.

"Although they broke the law by illegally crossing our borders," New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg told senators, "our city's economy would be a shell of itself had they not, and it would collapse if they were deported. The same holds true for the nation."

The debate has opened deep divisions between the President Bush and congressional Republicans, between the two houses of Congress and between Republicans and Democrats.

In December, the House passed a bill that focuses exclusively on border enforcement. The Senate approved a bill in May that includes some security measures and would create a guest-worker program and develop a path to citizenship for many current illegal immigrants.

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Emily Miriam Gallegos was outside the Imperial Beach Border Patrol Station yesterday to help attach hundreds of crosses representing people who died crossing the border. A House panel met at the station.

Yesterday, Bush reaffirmed his support for a comprehensive approach along the lines of the Senate plan as he made a surprise visit to a Dunkin' Donuts shop in Alexandria, Va., where he promoted a program to help verify that workers are in the country legally.

"I know there needs to be a worker program that says you can come here on a temporary basis and work here legally for jobs Americans aren't doing," Bush said.

"We cannot kick people out who have been here for awhile," the president added, saying that illegal immigrants should be "treated with respect and dignity."

Instead of setting up a committee of members for both houses to reach a compromise bill, House members embarked on two months of hearings and the Senate followed suit. The hearings began yesterday.

"It's a way of pretending to do something without doing it," said congressional

expert Gary Jacobson, a political science professor at the University of California San Diego. "It's not like they're ignoring the issue, they're taking some action. But the action is not designed to accomplish anything."

Like other analysts, Jacobson said the delay probably imperils Congress' chances of agreeing on a bill this year.

"In a practical sense, the Senate and the House are far enough apart that it will be hard enough to come up with a compromise as it is," he said.

The hearing in Imperial Beach attracted demonstrators from both sides. About 100 seats were available for the public, including overflow space outside, where people tried to keep cool as they watched the hearing on a large monitor.

Terry Hoopes, 62, of La Mesa arrived at 7:30 a.m. and nabbed a seat outside. Instead, he chose to stand inside so he could see the panel. He had hoped to speak against anything he regarded as amnesty, but was upset that the public didn't get a say.

"It was a bait and switch," Hoopes said, to say it was a public hearing when only invited guests could speak.

Outside the Border Patrol station, 160 immigrant-rights supporters prayed and were accompanied by a strolling mariachi band along Saturn Boulevard, demanding citizenship for illegal immigrants and a "more humane" guest-worker policy. Protesters spread out hundreds of crosses representing people who died crossing the border and called out the names of the dead.

NELVIN CEPEDA / Union-Tribune

Darryl Griffen, chief of the San Diego Border Patrol sector, was among the invited witnesses at the House panel's hearing yesterday.

A rival group of 40 people, including members of the Minuteman citizen border patrol, called for a border crackdown.

No one was arrested during the peaceful demonstrations, Lt. Debbie Farra of the San Diego Police Department said.

Inside the hearing, Rep. Brian Bilbray, R-Carlsbad, called for stepped up law enforcement away from the border where undocumented workers congregate to look for jobs.

"The United States has not been serious enough about our national sovereignty, defending our neighborhoods," Bilbray said. "The problem is coming across the border and not being regulated under a mandate by our federal Constitution."

But San Diego County Sheriff Bill Kolender and Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca said local police and sheriff's departments are spread too thin as it is without taking on immigration enforcement.

"As our governor has said, it is our belief that national security is the responsibility of the federal government and cannot be passed off to local and state governments," Kolender said.

Baca said, "If local law enforcement is going to be involved in any sort of immigration enforcement, we must be paid for it."

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Baca added he saw little likelihood of that happening because the federal government reimburses Los Angeles County for about one-eighth of the costs it absorbs for prosecuting and incarcerating illegal immigrants, many of them repeat offenders.

"That means radio cars, police officers on the street, are cut back," he said.

Later in the day, about 75 immigrant-rights supporters from across the county attended a community meeting in San Diego that was intended as a forum for those not invited to address the congressional panel.

The event at the Mountain View Recreation Center became emotional as the people who spoke, most of them Latino, shared their experiences with what they said is a flawed immigration system.

A report from the meeting will be forwarded to the congressional subcommittee next week, said Christian Ramirez, national coordinator of the American Friends Service Committee, which sponsored the event.

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From the Los Angeles Times

### Border Bills Far Apart: 2,700 Miles

In a testy San Diego hearing, the House fashions the debate around security. In Philadelphia, senators focus on the economy.

By Nicole Gaouette and Sam Quinones  
Times Staff Writers

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SAN DIEGO / PHILADELPHIA - In two different hearing rooms on two distant coasts, the two chambers of Congress on Wednesday staged competing summer shows to promote their dueling visions of illegal immigration in the United States and the best way to overhaul immigration laws.

At a hearing organized by House Republicans who back tougher enforcement, witnesses in San Diego painted a grim picture of the U.S.-Mexico border as a war zone that fuels crime and is "ripe" for becoming a "terrorist pipeline."

"National security is synonymous with border security," said Rep. Dana Rohrabacher

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(R-Huntington Beach), who traded barbs with his Democratic counterparts at the often-testy hearing.

About 2,700 miles away in Philadelphia, senators who back a multi-faceted approach to revising immigration policy heard from witnesses who emphasized the essential role illegal workers now play in the nation's economy.

"Our city's economy ... would collapse if they were deported," said New York Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg.

The two hearings marked the start of a summer-long contest between the House and the Senate to control the terms of the immigration debate. A House bill passed late last year concentrates on enforcement, while Senate legislation approved in May combines intensified border security with a guest worker program and path to legalization for most of the nation's estimated 12 million illegal immigrants.

As lawmakers held court on opposite coasts, President Bush hosted his own field hearing at a Dunkin' Donuts in Alexandria, Va. Celebrating the entrepreneurial energy of the store's two Iranian American owners and their Guatemalan American district manager, Bush jokingly offered reporters coffee and reiterated his support for a Senate-style overhaul. "We're not going to be able to deport people who have been here, working hard and raising their families," Bush said. "I want to work with Congress to come up with a rational way forward."

The atmosphere at the House hearing, at San Diego Border Patrol headquarters, was far less jovial. Within sight of the hills of Tijuana and the walls that separate the United States from Mexico, immigration restrictionists waved American flags, while immigrant advocates displayed hundreds of crosses representing those who died trying to cross the border.

A similar duel took place inside the hearing room.

Democrats blasted the Bush administration's record on work-site enforcement and blamed it for inadequate law enforcement funding and an unwillingness to reimburse local counties for costs related to illegal immigration – a federal responsibility.

Republicans saw just as much to blame in the jobs and the widespread health and education benefits that attract illegal immigrants to the United States.

At one point, Rep. Raul M. Grijalva (D-Ariz.) said he hoped committee members would not "hide their heads in the sand" on illegal immigration. Rohrabacher retorted that he was "one member who's not hidden his head in the sand for 15 years."

Although both sides lavished praise on the Border Patrol and sheriffs, they jostled over the reasons for crime at the border. Republicans noted that the 14-mile border wall near San Diego has all but eliminated the rampant rape, robbery and murder – mostly of immigrants by Mexican gangs – that existed when only a chain-link fence divided the two countries.

The House bill calls for more than 390 miles of walls to be built between Calexico, Calif., and Douglas, Ariz.

On occasion, the committee members called witnesses to task.

Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca said deporting illegal immigrants would add to Americans' cost of living.

"As an economist rather than sheriff, if you take away that resource, the American people are going to say, 'why didn't you tell me what my real cost was going to be?'" Baca said.

Rep. J.D. Hayworth (R-Ariz.) replied: "I welcome our witnesses today who may be Renaissance men in terms of interdisciplinary studies, but who also have as their

clear and abiding mission the protection of the citizenry and enforcement of our laws."

Yet when the sniping subsided, witnesses eloquently described a border that is porous and overrun; where immigrant smugglers, even when caught, go unprosecuted; and where local agencies are drowning in the costs of illegal immigration.

About 40,000 California prison inmates are illegal immigrants, Baca said, as are a quarter of the inmates in the Los Angeles County jail. Their presence costs the county about \$80 million a year, of which the federal government reimburses only \$11 million, he said.

In Philadelphia, Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) used his hearing to concentrate largely on immigration's economic importance, instead of its cost. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.), the hearing's other host, highlighted the moral case for accepting immigrants.

Specter said the intent of his hearing was to make sure that the public understood the Senate bill and to counter House attempts to control the debate.

"The House made up their mind to have hearings; the Senate was not going to sit idly by and be potted plants," Specter said. "We are not going to criticize the House bill. We are going to develop our own ideas, so the case will be made to the American people about why we think we need ... guest workers and the 11 million undocumented immigrants."

In little more than two hours of testimony, punctuated by bursts of applause from the audience, the senators heard from a union director and representatives from hospitality, agriculture and landscaping businesses, all of whom attested to the importance of foreign-born workers to their labor-starved industries.

Several witnesses outlined a stark picture of the supply-and-demand issues that draw illegal immigrants across the southern border.

"If we didn't have foreign workers, we would have a big hole in the economy," said Ronald E. Bird, a Labor Department economist. "They provide about 14% of the workforce."

But it was Bloomberg who made the most urgent case for immigration as an economic necessity.

"It would be devastating for our city," to do without immigrant labor, he said, estimating that 500,000 of New York City's 8.1 million residents are here illegally. Those immigrants fill restaurant kitchens, scrub and polish for the cleaning industry, drive New York's taxi fleets and provide homecare for the elderly, Bloomberg said.

"The truth is, our undocumented go up the ladder to senior people at our institutions. The truth is, without them, our city could not function," the mayor said.

Although most witnesses in Philadelphia backed the Senate bill, the senators also heard from the mayor of Hazleton, Pa., a town that recently made headlines for passing a measure to revoke the licenses of firms that hire undocumented workers; fine landlords for knowingly renting to illegal immigrants; and make English the official city language. Written in frustration over the costs of illegal immigration to the community, the measure takes effect July 13.

In an illustration of how immigration splits the GOP, Hazleton Mayor Louis J. Barletta offered testimony that starkly contrasted with the statements from his fellow Republican, Bloomberg.

"Larger cities may be able to absorb" the costs of illegal immigration, Barletta

said, but "it's killing small cities."

The House will hold another hearing Friday in Laredo, Texas. The Senate will hold hearings Monday in Miami to examine the issue of immigrants in the military and Wednesday in Washington on the economic importance of illegal immigrants.

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Gaouette reported from Philadelphia and Quinones from San Diego.

From the New York Times:

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Editorial

Bad News on the Border

Something bad happened to the nation's debate over a serious reform of its immigration laws.

It got hijacked yesterday by "Border Vulnerabilities and International Terrorism" - the first of many hearings that House Republican leaders plan to hold around the country this summer, ostensibly to solicit public opinion about immigration reform. The hearings are an effort to delay action on legislation until after the November elections, and to drum up opposition to the Senate's immigration bill, which focuses not only on border security but also on a path to citizenship for qualified illegal immigrants.

This novel approach to governing - seeking public input on bills after they have passed - reflects a cynical gamble that linking immigration and terror will upend the Senate bill and give House Republicans a short-term electoral boost.

The title gave the plot away. The hearing was useful only if the problem of illegal immigration consists mainly of narco-traffickers who decapitate police officers in Tijuana and send drugs in 18-wheelers across the border at Laredo, or Islamic fundamentalists who sneak into the United States disguised as Mexicans. "It's probably already happened," said Sheriff Rick Flores of Webb County, Texas, one of several witnesses who obliged the Republicans by depicting life on the southern border as something out of a "Mad Max" movie.

There are, of course, very serious concerns about border violence and drug trafficking. But they can never be dealt with effectively without the other pillars of sensible immigration reform, the ones that House Republicans are trying to undermine by stage-managing a specter of border chaos.

For now, they seem to have the upper hand. President Bush, who addressed the nation in support of the Senate's approach to immigration reform, appears to be backing away from it. Mr. Bush is now said to be open to compromising on an "enforcement-first" approach, under which any of the more complicated parts of

immigration reform would wait until the border was declared sealed, which could be in a year or two, or never. Arlen Specter, a main architect of the Senate bill, has sent similar hints about caving in to this approach, though he also held a dueling hearing yesterday to counter the House Republicans' hard-line message.

Mr. Bush has long talked a good game on the need for comprehensive immigration reform and the foolishness of focusing only on border security. But he is now at the head of a conga line moving backward. There was a moment in the immigration debate, after months of negotiations and pitfalls, when an opportunity for real progress appeared. It came when the Senate passed its bill.

That moment is fading. Unless Mr. Bush and others stand up to the fear-mongering House, it may already be gone.

From the Los Angeles Times

#### EDITORIAL

#### House of (immigration) blues

The Senate could kill the immigration reform bill it hopes to save by compromising too much with an obstinate House.

July 3, 2006

LAST WEEK SAW THE FIRST narrowing of the chasm between the Senate's recent comprehensive immigration bill and the House of Representatives' punitive enforcement-only package from December. Trouble is, the overtures are all going in the House's direction.

Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) announced that he'd be willing to stagger reform measures so that all enforcement issues were enacted first. Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) seconded that motion and emphasized that the border was being strengthened. And President Bush invited Rep. Mike Pence (R-Ind.) to the White House to discuss Pence's proposal to delay all other action until the border was somehow "certified" as secure, after which the estimated 11 million illegal immigrants in the United States would be asked to leave and apply for a visa, perhaps in fancy new e-kiosks operated by an Internet job-search company. No word on who would pick our crops, work construction sites and clean our bathrooms in the meantime.

Worrying solely about "securing" the border without securing and legalizing a flow of needed workers would have three sure-fire side effects. First, the current stream of illegal immigration would turn into a panicky flood, as people risk even more life and limb to sneak in before the southern border is militarized. Second, as has happened during nearly every proposed U.S. immigration crackdown, a rush of legal immigrants would jump into line, backing up an already interminably clogged process. And worst of all, the millions of workers who live in the shadow economy would be even less likely to come out of the cold and into the reach of U.S. law.

Pro-reform senators are making two classic negotiating mistakes: confusing their opponents' line-in-the-sand intransigence with a negotiating ploy, and elevating the importance of making a deal above its actual content. House Speaker J. Dennis

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Hastert (R-Ill.) has already indicated that he will abide by his "majority of the majority" rule, preventing even consideration of a bill that's not supported by most House Republicans.

Considering that the infamous HR 4437 was co-sponsored by Republicans such as Texan Ted Poe, who believes (among other things) that "Mexico is at war with the United States" to "occupy this entire land," and given that Congress has chosen to spend the run-up to the November elections holding unusual public "field hearings" instead of conference committee sessions, it's clear that the House GOP is most interested in inflaming xenophobic passions.

What's odd is that Senate Republicans seem to know this. At a pro-reform news conference last week, McCain expressed "regret" at the "level of dialogue" in the House. Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) advised Americans not to be led astray "by a few loud people" and stated his belief that "the good people can prevail." Conservative flamethrower Grover Norquist called Republican anti-immigration rhetoric "hateful" and "damaging" and even choked back sobs.

Such bluntness is startling and overdue within the ranks of the GOP. Senators should not be overly desperate to reach any deal they can call "comprehensive" with their intemperate colleagues on Capitol Hill. If the House dictates terms of an immigration compromise, it is certain that the "reform" will only aggravate the problem it aims to fix.

Congressional hearing on immigration in Imperial Beach today

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Border Patrol agent Bonifacio Lara uses his binoculars to monitor activity along the border fence between Tijuana, Mexico and San Diego Tuesday, July 4.



IMPERIAL BEACH - A congressional field hearing on the impact of illegal immigration on national security is being held Wednesday at the Imperial Beach Border Patrol Station, bringing more national attention to the volatile issue.

The meeting - which is set to begin at 9 a.m. - is one of several nationwide hearings planned by Republican leaders in the House of Representatives, who say they will hold them before negotiating a compromise with the Senate on immigration reform legislation.

From Associated Press:

\*                                Republicans launch immigration hearings in San Diego,  
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The hearing will be run by Rep. Ed Royce, R-Fullerton, who chairs the subcommittee on international terrorism and nonproliferation.

Royce has said the hearings will give local law enforcement a chance to discuss the challenges of patrolling the southern border.

"It is a story that I think is best told by those invested on the front lines rather than back in Washington by the officials," Royce told the Orange County Register.

Democrats initially considered boycotting the hearings, but instead have decided to treat them as a platform to assail what they see as an enforcement-only approach to immigration reform, said Rep. Brad Sherman, D-Sherman Oaks, the ranking Democrat on the subcommittee.

"If they want to have a dog-and-pony show, that's fine," Sherman has said. "They have really ugly dogs and really mangy ponies."

The Border Vulnerabilities and International Terrorism hearing is being held at the border patrol station at 1802 Saturn Blvd in Imperial Beach. Another hearing is to be held Friday in Laredo, Texas.

Invited speakers include Darryl Griffen, chief of the San Diego Border Patrol sector; T.J. Bonner, head of the union that represents agents; San Diego County Sheriff Bill Kolender; and Andy Ramirez of the border-watch group Friends of the Border Patrol.

Only invited speakers will be allowed to address the panel.

The Senate plan would beef up border enforcement, offer a path to legalization to millions of undocumented immigrants and create a guest worker program. The House plan focuses on enforcement.

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From the Los Angeles Times

#### A Level Reply to N. Korea Missiles

The U.S. emphasizes a diplomatic response to Pyongyang. At the U.N., Russia and China prefer an option that does not include sanctions.

By Paul Richter and Barbara Demick  
Times Staff Writers

July 6, 2006

WASHINGTON — After weeks of sternly worded warnings to North Korea, the Bush administration adopted a measured call for diplomacy Wednesday after Pyongyang stunned world leaders by test-launching seven missiles, including one considered capable of reaching American territories in the Pacific.

While the U.S. examined its limited options for punishing North Korea, intelligence officials warned of more missile launches, including another of the long-range Taepodong 2.

President Bush said the missile firings had only deepened North Korea's isolation, and he urged the country's leaders to rejoin stalled international talks on its nuclear program.

"They've isolated themselves further, and that's sad for the people of North Korea," Bush said at the White House. "I am deeply concerned about the plight of the people of North Korea."

North Korea fired six of the missiles early Wednesday and launched a seventh later in the day as members of the U.N. Security Council were preparing for an emergency meeting to decide on actions against the reclusive state.

In its first official statement today, North Korea said, "Our military will continue with missile launch drills in the future as part of efforts to strengthen our self-defense. If anyone intends to dispute or add pressure about this, we will have to take stronger physical actions in other forms."

Japan, with the support of the United States and Britain, introduced a resolution calling for economic sanctions against Pyongyang. But the Security Council ended the day without an agreement, and Russia and China asked for a milder "presidential statement" from the council instead of the legally binding Japanese resolution.

Japan, meanwhile, said it was denying docking permission to a North Korean passenger-cargo ferry, and South Korea said it was making no further plans for humanitarian aid to North Korea after sending a shipment of fertilizer later this week.

But the relatively low-key reaction in Washington, the United Nations and elsewhere reflected the lack of an international consensus and also a determination by the Bush administration not to be drawn into a one-on-one struggle with North Korea.

"The U.S. response is we're working with our allies to figure out how to try to get North Korea back to the table," said White House Press Secretary Tony Snow. "There are attempts to try to describe this almost in breathless world war II terms. This is not such a situation."

Bush spoke late Wednesday by telephone with South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun and Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi about the need to find a diplomatic solution through six-nation talks on denuclearization. He downplayed the possibility of military force but emphasized "the need for a unified and strong response in the United Nations and elsewhere to North Korea's provocative behavior," said Eryn Witcher, a White House spokeswoman.

Diplomatic sources said that Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was expected to visit Asia this month and that reviving the six-nation talks would be a key item on her agenda. The talks have been stalled since September.

The subdued response drew some criticism.

"The United States is a paper tiger," said Song Yong-sun, a military expert who serves in South Korea's National Assembly as part of the conservative opposition party. Referring to the North Korean leader, she added, "Kim Jong Il knows very well that Bush isn't going to do anything to punish him."

Meanwhile, there were strong indications in diplomatic and intelligence circles that North Korea was contemplating additional launches.

South Korean Defense Minister Yoon Kwang-ung told a parliamentary committee that more were expected because of the movement of equipment and personnel.

A South Korean official who spoke on condition of anonymity said that North Korea might try to launch another Taepodong because the one launched Wednesday flew only 42 seconds before exploding.

"They are frustrated because the first test was a failure," said the official. He and other experts said there was possibly a second Taepodong launch site besides the one at Musudan-ri missile base where the earlier launch took place.

North Korean fishermen have been warned to stay away from seas near the launch sites off the east coast until July 11, South Korean news agencies reported.

"We're watching this with interest, and keeping on top of it," Snow said when asked about the possibility of additional launches. "But there is certainly the potential there."

U.S. defense officials Wednesday went to great lengths to downplay the military's reaction to the North Korean launches and insisted the American response was now in the hands of diplomats.

Pentagon officials acknowledged that the rudimentary, ground-based missile defense system, which has interceptor missiles based in Alaska and Central California, had been operational during the Korean tests, but said satellite and early-warning radar data quickly showed none of the missiles were a threat to the U.S. or its territories.

A U.S. official acknowledged that the launch helped improve American intelligence on North Korean capabilities but declined to specify what had been discovered in the short life of the Taepodong 2 rocket, a missile Pyongyang is believed to be developing into an intercontinental ballistic missile. The official spoke on condition of anonymity while discussing intelligence information.

Administration officials said the Pentagon was still analyzing information collected during the Taepodong 2's flight, including telemetry data and other information on its trajectory. The other missiles fired – the last of which was launched at 1:15 a.m. Wednesday, Pacific time – drew less interest, because they were shorter-range rockets well known to U.S. and Asian analysts.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said the swift end of the Taepodong 2 flight did not lessen the Pentagon's concern about its capabilities. The range of the missile is highly disputed, with some saying it can reach only Guam and others fearing it might be able to reach Los Angeles. He added that close U.S. relations with South Korea and Japan meant that the threat posed by Pyongyang was not limited to the missile's ability to reach American territories.

U.S. officials said they had considered but rejected the possibility that the Taepodong 2 had fallen into the sea because of an order by North Koreans to abort the flight, rather than because of failure. Officials were "99% sure" that the destruction was unintended, one official said without elaborating on their reasoning.

Officials acknowledged that the launches of the medium-range Rodong missiles and the short-range Scuds came as a surprise. But they said such launches would not give rise to the same concern, because the missiles are less sophisticated.

Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill left Wednesday evening to meet with officials in China, South Korea, Japan and Russia.

U.S. officials made clear that they are interested in seeing pressure imposed by China and South Korea, which provide the most aid and have the most leverage with Pyongyang.

"We need China to be very, very firm with their neighbors, and ... long-term allies, the North Koreans, on what is acceptable behavior and not acceptable behavior," Hill said in an interview with CNN.

Rice and other U.S. officials declined to spell out what kind of punishments the administration would seek to use, though she insisted that "the international community does have at its disposal a number of tools to make it more difficult for North Korea to engage in this kind of brinkmanship."

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### North Korea Says It Will Continue Missile Tests Nation Remains Defiant Even as U.S., Allies Seek Punitive Action

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As the United States and its allies sought to impose punitive measures on North Korea for launching a series of seven missiles on Tuesday, North Korea responded defiantly today, saying it would continue to test-fire missiles as a deterrent to military action against it.

"Our military will continue with missile launch drills in the future as part of efforts to strengthen self-defense deterrent," said a North Korean Foreign Ministry statement published by the country's official news agency. "If anyone intends to dispute or add pressure about this, we will have to take stronger physical actions in other forms," said the statement.

U.S. officials have emphasized that diplomatic measures with the communist nation should not be abandoned and yesterday U.S., British and Japanese officials attempted to increase pressure on North Korea through the United Nations, presenting the Security Council with the draft of a legally binding resolution demanding that the North Korean government immediately cease the development, deployment, testing and proliferation of ballistic missiles. Separately, Japan imposed limited economic sanctions on the North, including a measure prohibiting its officials, ship crews and chartered flights from entering Japan.

In Moscow, however, Russian President Vladimir Putin said today that concern about North Korean missile launches should not trigger an emotional reaction "that would drown out common sense," wire services said.

In a televised webcast, Putin, who expressed disappointment at the launches this week, also said Russian experts felt North Korea was a long way from being able to launch a long-range missile, the Reuters news agency reported.

"According to our experts, in order to increase the range of the missiles that North Korea has from 1,000 km to 3,500 km or 6,000 km, they need to take those missiles 600 km into outer space and that's impossible, considering the level of technological development in North Korea, at least for the foreseeable future," he said.

In New York, John Bolton, U.S. Ambassador to the U.N., said that "the support remains really overwhelming to make a very strong statement of condemnation of the North Korean missile launches and, I think, to take strong and effective measures in response."

But he noted "there's still a lot of negotiation to go. This is the United Nations."

while Bush administration officials condemned the test-firing of the missiles on Tuesday, they played down the missiles' military importance. The one with the longest range, believed capable of reaching Alaska and possibly the U.S. West Coast, failed less than a minute after launch and fell into the Sea of Japan.

President Bush appeared to temper his response yesterday in comments after an Oval Office meeting with President Mikheil Saakashvili of Georgia. "One thing we have learned is that the rocket didn't stay up very long and tumbled into the sea, which doesn't, frankly, diminish my desire to solve this problem," he said.

"There are attempts to try to describe this almost in breathless, world war III terms," said White House press secretary Tony Snow. "This is not such a situation. This is a situation in which people are working with a regime in North Korea, trying to reason with a dictator, to step back from provocative activities."

North Korea's two main benefactors -- China and South Korea -- as well as Russia had a somewhat muted response to the missile tests.

"We hope that all the relevant sides can remain calm and restrained and do more things which are conducive to peace and stability," Liu Jianchao, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman, said in a statement.

China and Russia, two of the five countries on the Security Council with veto power, expressed concern that the imposition of punitive measures could derail efforts to restart stalled six-nation talks with North Korea to suspend its nuclear program. They said that it would be more appropriate to respond to North Korea's tests with a statement of concern from the president of the Security Council. Presidential statements carry less political force than a resolution because they are not legally binding.

Several observers warned that even if Beijing agreed to some form of censure, it would remain reluctant to impose tough economic sanctions out of fear that such measures could destabilize North Korea and spark a crisis on their shared border.

"I don't think China will take at this moment stronger political or economic action against North Korea," said Chu Shulong, a political science professor at Tsinghua University and expert in international security. "We Chinese believe basically, fundamentally it is not our problem, the missile launch problem. It's a problem between North Korea and the U.S., it's a problem between the DPRK and Japan, it might be a problem between North Korea and South Korea. But basically it's not a China problem." DPRK stands for Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the North's official name.

The draft U.N. resolution, which was formally introduced by Japan, would also require states to prevent the transfer of money, material or technology that could "contribute" to Pyongyang's ballistic missile program or advance its capacity to develop nuclear explosives or other weapons of mass destruction. And it "strongly urges" North Korea to resume the six-party talks with the United States, China, South Korea, Japan and Russia.

Japan's ambassador to the United Nations, Kenzo Oshima, told reporters after a two-hour emergency meeting yesterday of the 15-nation Security Council that the U.N. body needed to send a "swift, strong and resolute" message to North Korea that its action is unacceptable.

Bolton said yesterday that the council's reaction to the missile tests highlighted North Korea's growing isolation. "No member defended what the North Koreans have done," Bolton said. "I think there is support for sending a clear signal to Pyongyang," the North Korean capital.

South Korean officials joined the United States and Japan in verbally condemning the



launches, but officials in Seoul, the South Korean capital, said they were still "carefully considering" whether to follow through with threats to cut off humanitarian aid in the event of a missile launch.

Analysts and some diplomats involved in the six-nation nuclear talks said the first casualty of the missile tests might be the talks themselves. For more than six months, North Korea has resisted returning to the negotiating table, citing "sanctions" imposed late last year against financial institutions that the U.S. Treasury Department linked to suspected counterfeiting, money laundering and drug smuggling operations by the North Korean government. The missile tests, analysts and diplomats said, made the chance of a compromise deal between the key players -- the United States and the North Koreans -- less likely.

Christopher R. Hill, the Bush administration's top negotiator in the six-party talks, said yesterday that North Korea would not be offered any new incentives to suspend its nuclear weapons program.

"No one is interested in sweetening the deal," Hill said. "The question is how to get the North Koreans to come and implement their part of that deal."

Analysts said North Korea may have conducted the tests in the belief that it would not win any concessions from the Bush administration. "The U.S. has called for North Korea to return to the six-party talks, but after what the North Koreans have done, the talks have in effect fallen apart," said Terumasa Nakanishi, a North Korean expert at Kyoto University in Japan. "They have violated their promise not to escalate the situation. There is no trust left."

South Korea media outlets this morning cited senior officials in Seoul as saying that North Korea could be preparing to launch three to five additional short- and medium-range missiles. North Korea reportedly warned local fishing vessels to stay clear of the missile testing site until Tuesday, and intelligence data suggested possible launch preparations.

Officials said the next moves would be determined by a blizzard of back-door diplomacy going on in Asian and European capitals and at the United Nations. Taro Aso, Japan's foreign minister, was joining Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in attempting to woo China, South Korea and European powers into a tough line on North Korea.

North Korea experts said the options for the Bush administration remain limited, particularly if the Chinese and South Koreans were reluctant to impose tough economic sanctions. Instead, many said, it was more likely that Japan and the United States would seek to continue isolating North Korea by slowly tightening economic sanctions. Japanese officials, for instance, indicated they might be prepared to halt millions of dollars in remittances that are sent annually to North Korea from Koreans living in Japan.

Diplomats and analysts have speculated that North Korea may have conducted the missile tests in the hope of winning concessions similar to those offered by the Bush administration to Iran in an effort to stop its nuclear program.

Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi said North Korea's strategy was irrelevant. Referring to the tests, he said: "No matter what their intention might be, there is nothing positive they can gain."

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Few Good Choices in North Korean Standoff

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The Bush administration has tried to ignore North Korea <http://topics.nytimes.com/top/news/international/countriesandterritories/northkorea/index.html?inline=nyt-geo>, then, reluctantly, to engage it, and then to squeeze its bankers in a manner intended to make the country's leader, Kim Jong Il [http://topics.nytimes.com/top/reference/timestopics/people/k/\\_kim\\_jong\\_il/index.html?inline=nyt-per](http://topics.nytimes.com/top/reference/timestopics/people/k/_kim_jong_il/index.html?inline=nyt-per), personally feel the pinch.

Yet none of these steps in the past six years has worked. So now, after a barrage of missile launchings by North Korea, President Bush and his national security advisers found themselves on Wednesday facing what one close aide described as an array of "familiar bad choices."

The choices have less to do with North Korea's newest missile – which, as Mr. Bush pointed out on Wednesday, "didn't stay up very long and tumbled into the sea" – than with the bigger question of whether the president is prepared to leave office in 2009 without constraining an unpredictable dictator who boasts about having a nuclear arsenal.

"We're at the moment when the president has to decide whether he wants an unconstrained, nuclear North Korea to be part of his legacy," said Jonathan D. Pollack, a professor of Asian and Pacific studies at the United States <http://topics.nytimes.com/top/news/international/countriesandterritories/unitedstates/index.html?inline=nyt-geo> Naval War College who has spent much of his career studying North Korea and its improbable strategies for survival.

"Until now, the attitude has been, 'If the North Koreans want to stew in their own juices, let them,' " Mr. Pollack said. "But it's becoming clear that Mr. Bush may leave office with the North Korean problem much worse."

Dealing with North Korea has frustrated every president since Truman. But it has proved particularly vexing for Mr. Bush because his administration has engaged in a six-year internal argument about whether to negotiate with the country or try to plot its collapse – it has sought to do both, simultaneously – and because America's partners in dealing with North Korea each have differing interests in North Korea's future.

On Wednesday, rejecting pressure from the Bush administration, China <http://topics.nytimes.com/top/news/international/countriesandterritories/china/index.html?inline=nyt-geo> and Russia <http://topics.nytimes.com/top/news/international/countriesandterritories/russiaandtheformersovietunion/index.html?inline=nyt-geo> said they would not get behind an American drive to bring sanctions against North Korea, saying they favored less

punitive actions.

It was the latest disappointment in a string of attempts to enlist China to help moderate the North. Still, answering questions on Wednesday, Mr. Bush expressed no interest in dropping his objections to one-on-one talks with the North, a government he once said he "detests."

Another alternative for Mr. Bush would be to take a hard line that might risk an escalation of the half-century-old confrontation between the United States and North Korea. But such a tack is now complicated by the widespread assumption that even if the North does not have the ability to launch a nuclear weapon, it now probably possesses enough extra nuclear fuel that it may be tempted to sell some to a terrorist group or another state.

That is Mr. Bush's biggest concern, and late last year the National Security Council [http://topics.nytimes.com/top/reference/timestopics/organizations/n/national\\_security\\_council/index.html?inline=nyt-org](http://topics.nytimes.com/top/reference/timestopics/organizations/n/national_security_council/index.html?inline=nyt-org) ordered a study of the likelihood that Mr. Kim, in his effort to seek attention or gain negotiating leverage, would threaten to do it. The results, according to a senior administration official who would not speak for attribution about intelligence matters, were inconclusive.

But so far the North has only dared to offer reminders, like the test firings while Americans were celebrating the Fourth of July, that it possesses weapons that could destroy Seoul or threaten Japan, including American forces based there. The launchings were only the second time that North Korea had tested an intercontinental-range missile that, depending on whose numbers one believes, could eventually hit the United States. (The last such test launching was in 1998, and as Anthony H. Cordesman of the Center for Strategic and International Studies put it Wednesday, "both failed dismally.")

To many experts, the missile tests fit into a pattern: whenever Mr. Kim has concluded that he was not getting attention to his demands, he has staged a crisis. His father, Kim Il Sung, did so in 1994, and won an agreement from the Clinton administration that later fell apart. Kim Jong Il did so in 2003, as American troops were flowing toward Iraq, when North Korea threw out international inspectors and reprocessed the 8,000 spent nuclear fuel rods into what the Central Intelligence Agency

[http://topics.nytimes.com/top/reference/timestopics/organizations/c/central\\_intelligence\\_agency/index.html?inline=nyt-org](http://topics.nytimes.com/top/reference/timestopics/organizations/c/central_intelligence_agency/index.html?inline=nyt-org) says is enough bomb-grade material for six or more weapons.

At that time, top Pentagon officials briefed Mr. Bush on his military options, including bombing the North's nuclear facilities. "It didn't take very long," one official deeply involved in that briefing said, "because it was pretty clear there wasn't an acceptable military option - or at least, a risk anyone was willing to take."

But Mr. Bush came to office appearing to have already determined that he would not negotiate, either. He often said that he distrusted North Korea's government and detested how Mr. Kim treated the North Korea people. In the first months of his presidency, he refused to endorse South Korea's <http://topics.nytimes.com/top/news/international/countriesandterritories/southkorea/index.html?inline=nyt-geo> "sunshine policy" of luring North Korea out of its shell with economic incentives. Yet the isolation strategy ultimately failed: North Korea kept producing plutonium.

Mr. Bush then reversed course, reluctantly agreeing to engage with the North Koreans at a distance, through six-nation talks convened by China and joined by Japan, South Korea and Russia. An agreement in principle was reached in September, calling for disarmament for security guarantees and eventual aid, but with no timetable. Even before the ink was dry, the North Koreans were interpreting it differently than the other signatories were.

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Mr. Bush has most recently bet that China would eventually tire of the North Korean antics and enforce some discipline. Mr. Bush repeated that he and Jiang Zemin <[http://topics.nytimes.com/top/reference/timestopics/people/j/\\_jiang\\_zemin/index.html?inline=nyt-per](http://topics.nytimes.com/top/reference/timestopics/people/j/_jiang_zemin/index.html?inline=nyt-per)> , China's former leader, had agreed that a nuclear North Korea was "unacceptable." But the reality, administration officials acknowledge, is that China fears a collapsed and chaotic North Korea more than it fears a nuclear-armed North Korea.

That could change now. The Chinese warned the North Koreans not to fire the missiles; the fact that Mr. Kim dismissed that warning is bound to anger China's leaders.

But so far, Mr. Bush has not been able to harness his partners into coordinated pressure on the North. If that changes soon, at the United Nations Security Council <[http://topics.nytimes.com/top/reference/timestopics/organizations/s/security\\_council/index.html?inline=nyt-org](http://topics.nytimes.com/top/reference/timestopics/organizations/s/security_council/index.html?inline=nyt-org)> and around the world, it could be that the president will finally have a way forward.

## A Driven President Faces a World of Crises

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From deteriorating security in Afghanistan and Somalia to mayhem in the Middle East, confrontation with Iran and eroding relations with Russia, the White House suddenly sees crisis in every direction.

North Korea's long-range missile test Tuesday, although unsuccessful, was another reminder of the bleak foreign policy landscape that faces President Bush even outside of Iraq. Few foreign policy experts foresee the reclusive Stalinist state giving up the nuclear weapons it appears to have acquired, making it another in a long list of world problems that threaten to cloud the closing years of the Bush administration, according to foreign policy experts in both parties.

"I am hard-pressed to think of any other moment in modern times where there have been so many challenges facing this country simultaneously," said Richard N. Haass, a former senior Bush administration official who heads the Council on Foreign Relations. "The danger is that Mr. Bush will hand over a White House to a successor that will face a far messier world, with far fewer resources left to cope with it."

White House officials emphatically reject such pessimism, and yesterday leading figures in both parties saw some diplomatic opportunity for the United States out of the missile failure. But the events on the Korean Peninsula underscored how the administration has lost the initiative it once possessed on foreign policy in the aftermath of the Iraq invasion, leaving at risk the central Bush aspiration of democracy-building around the world.

They also showed how the huge commitment of resources and time on Iraq -- and the attendant falloff in international support for the United States -- has limited the administration's flexibility in handling new world crises. "This is a distracted government that has to take care of too many things at the same time and has been consumed by the war on Iraq," said Moisés Naím, editor of Foreign Policy magazine.

National security adviser Stephen J. Hadley said in an interview yesterday that such criticism is misplaced, adding that victory in Iraq is crucial to success in fighting terrorists and in creating a new democracy that could serve as a beacon to other Middle Eastern countries. "Is it a major investment? Yes," he said. "The stakes are high [in Iraq], but we think the rewards are commensurate to the effort, and the consequences of lack of success are sobering."

Hadley agreed that there are "a lot of issues in motion right now" on the international front. "In some sense, it was destined to be, because we have a president that wants to take on the big issues and see if he could solve them on his watch."

Even in the context of a post-Sept. 11, 2001, world, the array of tough, seemingly intractable foreign problems is spreading. Renewed violence has expanded to major cities throughout Afghanistan, as Afghan rebels adopt tactics of Iraqi insurgents and as President Hamid Karzai's popularity has plummeted. Iran is balking at demands to come clean or compromise on its nuclear program, despite new U.S. and European incentives. Palestinians launched longer-range missiles into Israel, while Israel has authorized its army to invade part of northern Gaza.

Meanwhile, an Islamist militia in Somalia seized control of the capital, Mogadishu. Mexico's future is uncertain after a close and disputed presidential election. And yesterday, the price of oil hit a new high of \$75.19 a barrel.

Concern about such developments is cutting across the normal fault lines in American politics, with critiques being expressed by conservative realists such as Haass and liberal internationalists such as former secretary of state Madeleine K. Albright. Albright said yesterday that the United States now faces the "perfect storm" in foreign policy. "The U.S. is not as unilateral as it is uni-dimensional," she said in an interview. "We have not been paying attention to a lot of these issues. . . . Afghanistan is out of control because not enough attention was paid to it."

Even neoconservative hawks who have been generally supportive of the administration on Iraq and other issues said they are worried about the direction of American foreign policy, and hope for a muscular response from the Bush administration toward the latest North Korean provocation.

"North Korea is firing missiles. Iran is going nuclear. Somalia is controlled by radical Islamists. Iraq isn't getting better, and Afghanistan is getting worse," said William Kristol, editor of the Weekly Standard and a leading conservative commentator. "I give the president a lot of credit for hanging tough on Iraq. But I am worried that it has made them too passive in confronting the other threats."

Senior administration officials said the United States is in a much stronger diplomatic position than it has been in the past in dealing with adversaries such as North Korea and Iran. On both fronts, the administration has engaged in much more aggressive multilateral diplomacy than it did in Bush's first term, and that effort could still bear fruit, they said.

Hadley predicted the results of aggressive diplomacy would be seen in the next few days with a strong condemnation of North Korea at the United Nations. "We saw this coming. We worked the diplomacy," he said. "North Korea went ahead, and in so doing didn't defy [only] us but defied the entire international community."

Some outside experts agreed that Tuesday's seven missile launches could help the administration make the case to China to work harder to rein in Pyongyang. "This has to have gotten China's attention," said Rep. Jane Harman <<http://projects.washingtonpost.com/congress/members/h000213?nav=e1>> (Calif.), the senior Democrat on the House intelligence committee. "What some may see as a series of setbacks, I see as a series of opportunities," she said.

Both Democrats and Republicans insisted that the United States can deal with multiple crises, but some questioned how effectively.

"Every situation makes it more difficult to deal with another," said Zbigniew Brzezinski, national security adviser in the Carter administration. "It's like a juggler. You have to keep all the balls going. Any one of them that is out of trajectory threatens all the others."

## Experts Say Missile Failure Highlights Ineptness

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The major fallout from North Korea's series of missile launches and the malfunction of its long-range rocket is that its missile program now looks somewhat inept, weapons experts said yesterday.

"The Taepodong-2 was not ready for prime time," said David Kay, a veteran weapons inspector, referring to Pyongyang's controversial attempt to launch a long-range missile. "The ridicule for the failure is entirely on" the North Korean government.

The multistage Taepodong was supposed to be capable of flying perhaps several thousand miles, but it fell into the sea between Korea and Japan about 40 seconds into its flight, before its second stage ignited, officials said. It was not clear whether the missile crashed or was aborted by its controllers, but U.S. and Japanese officials said that intelligence and monitoring of the Taepodong-2 test launch indicated that it failed.

The result of the attempt is that, to some specialists, North Korea looks less dangerous than it did just a few days ago.

"Seems to me their ICBM [intercontinental ballistic missile] capability has gone no better than sideways the past eight years, if not down," said retired Adm. Dennis Blair, a former chief of the U.S. Pacific Command.

"Less threatening, because less capable," agreed Rep. Mark S. Kirk (R-Ill.), who tracks North Korea.

A Pentagon official said it is too early to expect a definitive intelligence analysis of what happened to the missile. John Pike, director of GlobalSecurity.org, a defense think tank, noted that after the successful launch of the Taepodong-1 in 1998, it took about a week for all the photographs and other data to be collected and analyzed. But he speculated that the termination of the flight at about 40 seconds, as the missile was undergoing maximum stress, indicated that North Korean engineers may have weakened the missile's structure and lightened its sides in an effort to enable it to fly farther. "In the drive to get it to a longer range, they might have made something that is too fragile," he said.

Kirk said it is especially significant that the missile failed at about 40 seconds, because that indicates that a problem occurred in the first stage of the craft, which he said had been redesigned to make it bigger.

Tuesday's failure stood in stark contrast to the launch of the Taepodong-1, which shocked U.S. and Japanese officials with its capabilities by soaring over Japan and into the Pacific Ocean. The prospect now that North Korea's most sophisticated technology had fatal glitches indicates that the communist state's technological limits may have been broadly overstated for years.

Military experts say that North Korea's economic problems and its moratorium on missile launches declared in 1999 may have taken a toll on its missile research and development. If the North Koreans, who export an estimated \$1.5 billion worth of missiles a year to the Middle East and Africa, had hoped to prove its quality to its clients with Tuesday's test, the plan may have backfired.

"It could be that they just got lucky in 1998," said Motoaki Kamiura, a Tokyo-based

defense analyst and North Korea expert. "The failure of the Taepodong-2 shows that they are still at the first stage of their next major breakthrough in missile technology. That doesn't mean their other missiles aren't dangerous, but this one is not ready."

On the other hand, North Korea obscured its embarrassment somewhat by launching six other shorter-range, Scud-like missiles along with the Taepodong, noted retired Rear Adm. Michael McDevitt, a former chief planner for the U.S. Pacific Command who is a specialist on East Asian militaries. "Having six successes as against one failure reads and sounds a lot better" than just one failure, he noted.

In addition, he said, North Korean rocket scientists probably gained valuable data from the failed launch. "They learn something from every launch, no matter whether it is a success or failure," he said.

Faiola reported from Tokyo.

North Korea says U.S. attack will be met with 'annihilating strike'

By Joseph Coleman

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2:38 p.m. July 3, 2006

SEOUL, South Korea - North Korea vowed on Monday to respond with an "annihilating" nuclear strike if it is attacked pre-emptively by the United States.

The Bush administration responded sternly, saying while it had no intention of attacking, it was determined to protect the United States if North Korea launched a long-range missile.

"Should North Korea take the provocative action of launching a missile the U.S. would respond appropriately, including by taking the necessary measures to protect ourselves," Julie Reside, a State Department spokeswoman, said.

Still, Reside said, the United States and other countries that have negotiated with North Korea are seeking a fundamentally different relationship with the reclusive regime. She said that relationship must be based on the complete and verifiable elimination of North Korea's nuclear weapons and nuclear program.

"We and our partners in the six-party process continue strongly to urge North Korea not to launch a long-range missile and, instead, to return to the six-party talks," she said in a statement.

The six-party talks, suspended by North Korea, involved negotiations by the United States, China, South Korea, Japan and Russia with Pyongyang over the country's nuclear program.

The North's warning effectively stepped up its customary anti-U.S. vitriol, in which it often accuses Washington of plotting an attack. The North has recently come under heightened scrutiny after reports by the United States and Japan that it has taken steps to prepare for a test of a long-range missile.

The North's Korean Central News Agency, citing an unidentified "analyst" with the state-run Rodong Sinmun newspaper, accused the United States of harassing Pyongyang with war exercises, a massive arms buildup and increased aerial espionage by basing new spy planes in South Korea.

"This is a grave military provocation and blackmail to the DPRK, being an indication that the U.S. is rapidly pushing ahead in various fields with the extremely dangerous war moves," the dispatch said.

"The army and people of the DPRK are now in full preparedness to answer a pre-emptive attack with a relentless annihilating strike and a nuclear war with a mighty nuclear deterrent," the report said.

DPRK stands for the North's official name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The report concluded by urging the U.S. to "get out of South Korea promptly." About 29,500 U.S. troops are stationed in South Korea as a deterrent against the communist North.

On Friday, Pyongyang accused the United States of driving the situation on the Korean Peninsula "to the brink of war," and said it is fully prepared to counter any U.S. aggression.

Washington and Japan have said in recent weeks that spy satellite images show North Korea has taken steps to prepare a long-range Taepodong-2 missile for a test-launch.

Estimates for the range of the missile vary widely, but at least one U.S. study said it could be able to reach parts of the United States with a light payload.

Speculation that Pyongyang could fire the missile has waned in recent days, however, since the country's top ally and a major source of its energy supplies, China, publicly suggested North Korea should not to go ahead with the test.

A news report said Monday that China has offered a new proposal over the stalled six-party talks.

Chinese State Councilor Tang Jiaxuan told Ichiro Ozawa, the head of Japan's main opposition party, that China had relayed the proposal to Japan, the two Koreas, the United States and Russia, Kyodo News agency reported, citing party officials.

The report did not elaborate on the proposal. An opposition party spokesman in Tokyo could not be reached for comment. Ozawa is in Beijing for a six-day stay that party officials hope will include a meeting with Chinese President Hu Jintao, according to Kyodo.

The United States and its allies South Korea and Japan have taken quick steps over the past week to strengthen their missile defenses. Washington and Tokyo are working on a joint missile-defense shield, and South Korea is considering the purchase of American SM-2 defensive missiles for its destroyers.

The U.S. and North Korea have been in a standoff over Pyongyang's nuclear weapons program since 2002. The North claims to have produced nuclear weapons, but that claim has not been publicly verified by outside analysts.

While public information on North Korea's military capabilities is murky, experts doubt that the regime has managed to develop a nuclear warhead small enough to mount on its long-range missiles.

Nonetheless, Lt. Gen. Michael Maples, director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, told U.S. lawmakers last week that officials took the potential launch reports seriously and were looking at the full range of capabilities possessed by North Korea.



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# UNION-TRIBUNE EDITORIAL Missile rattling

U.S., Japan, Britain get tough with North Korea

July 6, 2006

North Korea's provocative flurry of missile firings on the Fourth of July must invoke the first rule in dealing with that Stalinist pariah: Punish, don't reward, threatening behavior.

Thus, North Korea must be made to pay a diplomatic and economic price for its dangerous, destabilizing actions. Doing anything less would only encourage further misconduct by Kim Jong Il's defiant government. Given North Korea's already demonstrated contempt for international agreements, its own pledges, and accepted norms of behavior, inaction or appeasement would prove increasingly dangerous.

The first recourse is the United Nations Security Council, which met in emergency session yesterday morning to consider a response to North Korea's test launches of seven ballistic missiles. Japan, supported by the United States and Britain, favors a stern resolution that would stop all aid and technology that could be used for North Korea's missile programs.

Predictably, Russia and China, North Korea's nominal allies, want a far weaker Security Council response. Clearly, then, the diplomacy now under way at the United Nations must include the strongest possible pressure on China and Russia to accept a tough response. China, long North Korea's principal provider of aid and trade, must be a particular target of that pressure.

If the Security Council proves unable to act with sufficient resolve, the United States, Japan and South Korea will have to consider what action they might take on their own to counter North Korea's belligerence.

The Bush administration has already signalled, wisely, that it will not agree to one North Korean demand - bilateral negotiations between Washington and Pyongyang. Beyond the Security Council, the proper forum for negotiations on halting North Korea's nuclear weapons programs remains the long-running six-party talks, which include both Koreas, Russia, China, Japan and the United States.

This doesn't preclude direct U.S.-North Korea contacts and discussions; indeed, those already occur regularly. But North Korea shouldn't be allowed to scuttle the regional six-party approach, not least because this threat is best addressed in a regional setting.

Despite North Korea's missile tests, there is time to work this problem. North Korea is a long way - at least five years, if not 10 - from posing a nuclear threat to the United States. Its shorter-range missiles, coupled with the handful of crude nuclear weapons North Korea is believed to possess, pose a theoretical threat to U.S. forces and American allies in Asia. But Kim Jong Il's government surely knows that

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attacking South Korea or Japan would quickly prove suicidal for the regime in Pyongyang.

For now, the real danger is proliferation of nuclear and ballistic missile technology, and the destabilizing effects of North Korea's threatening conduct. Countering these threats is an urgent matter, as the rude shock on July 4 plainly demonstrated.

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From: Sarah Rothenfluch  
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To: Andrew Donohue; August, JW; Perry, Tony  
Cc: Hank Crook; Gloria Penner  
Subject: Rundown for Editors this week

Hello gentlemen,

Thanks to the three of you for agreeing to join us on Editors' Roundtable tomorrow morning 9-10 am at KPBS. It is radio this week so feel free to come with messy hair!

The lineup will be as follows:

Segment A: Tony Perry on North Korea  
Segment B: J.W. August on the Immigration Hearings  
Segment C: Andrew Donohue on the Pension

We will also add a question or two at the end about Voice of San Diego's editorial calling for the resignation of Jim Madaffer. (See that in Andrew's background articles which I will send out shortly. It is the last article).

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I'll be sending the articles soon.

of course feel free to check in if you have any questions.

With best wishes,

Sarah

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From: Gloria Penner  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:29 PM  
To: Carla Conner; Hank Crook; Donn Johnson; 'Deborah.Davis-Gillespie@cox.com'  
Cc: Neal Recker; Fabiola Franco; Sarah Rothenfluch  
Subject: RE: Updated Editors Roundtable Taping Schedule

I'll take vacation in June and will not be here for the 6/16 taping. So if my schedule is correct, my last taping will be 5/19 until 6/23. Is that right? You'll need to get a sub for 6/16.

Cheers,  
Gloria

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From: Carla Conner  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 12:06 PM  
To: Gloria Penner; Hank Crook; Donn Johnson; Deborah.Davis-Gillespie@cox.com  
Cc: Neal Recker; Fabiola Franco; Sarah Rothenfluch  
Subject: Updated Editors Roundtable Taping Schedule

Hello Everyone-

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Here is an updated schedule showing our latest June 2 cancellation so that we can still keep track of the remaining show numbers. We still expect to add 2 more shows this calendar year.

Thank you.

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From: Gloria Penner  
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2006 11:11 AM  
To: Hank Crook  
Subject: ER TOPICS

Airport update - Hunter's bill  
What's happening at Alvarado Hospital (I served in Bd of Governors there for 10 years in the 70's-80's and it's quite a story about how greed destroys a hospital. Pertinent in this time with so much attention on health care issues.  
Also, Monday is deadline for Medicare Part D enrollment - hot button issue. Democrats may try to change it if they get power in the House.  
Chula Vista, the County, and the Chargers  
Hillel gets land in La Jolla - very interesting story about what's behind the fight.  
Kara Snow might have some good insights here.  
County School Board - no one is paying much attention to it. But this election could shift the majority back to the conservative fundamentalists.  
Gloria

Gloria Penner  
Host, Full Focus and Editors Roundtable  
Watch Full Focus weekdays at 6:30 pm and 11 pm  
Listen to Editors Roundtable Fridays at 9 am

From: Gloria Penner  
Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2006 1:51 PM  
To: Tim McClain  
Cc: Hank Crook  
Subject: RE: Editors Lineup For May 4

Hi Tim -  
I'm going a little crazy this week, trying to handle my mom's move to assisted living, tomorrow night's special auction activity at KPBS, all the Full Focus stuff,

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M.C at the Van Deerlin event Saturday, so I need some answers:

1. What time must I absolutely be there?
2. Is there valet parking or do I have to hunt for a parking spot?
3. Do you have a microphone set up for audience questions?
4. I assume you've got the seating and mics set up for the panel.

Gloria

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From: Tim McClain [mailto:tim@sandiegometro.com]  
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2006 11:02 AM  
To: Gloria Penner; Hank Crook  
Cc: bob.kittle@uniontrib.com; John Warren; Emily Crowley  
Subject: Editors Lineup For May 4

Hi all,

I've spoken with Bob Kittle and John Warren and these are the topics we will be discussing during the Editor's Breakfast set for Thursday, May 4, at the Holiday Inn On The Bay, 1355 North Harbor Drive.

We will repeat the same topics the following day on the radio show. Hank Crook, the show's producer, has graciously agreed to gift us with his research skills in advance of the breakfast. He will be in the audience, sitting at our table, scoring how good we are at being students.

Here is what we agreed on, in no particular order.

1.) Airport -- Bob Kittle  
-- Much to say as this evolves, but it looks more and more like the final choices are going to be Miramar, North Island/Lindbergh or just Lindbergh. While the Airport Authority has pushed off its site-selection decision to June (it was targeting a May vote), the advocacy efforts are beginning. Most notably, The Alliance in Support of Airport Progress in the 21st Century, which calls itself ASAP 21, will begin this month a series of public forums called "San Diego Speaks. We Listen." ASAP 21 has a broad membership -- from labor unions to chambers -- with the common goal that San Diego end up with a new airport to avoid suffering the economic and social consequences inaction would bestow on us and our children 20 years from now.

2.) Mayor Sanders/City Hall/Chargers -- Tim McClain  
-- Mayor Sanders is shepherding his first budget through the city council, making few friends along the way, denying raises to police and asking for significant borrowing to buttress the pension fund. He has also rocked the world of Charger Fans' by stating flat out the city can't help the team. On Monday, May 1, the council will vote to let other government entities in the region negotiate with the team. On Thursday, we will have the benefit of seeing how this plays out at the City Council and whether a champion for keeping the team in San Diego emerges.

3.) Health Care -- John Warren  
-- The idea of employer mandated health insurance remains a big topic in California, with several initiatives likely headed for the November ball. There's also talk about putting forward a Massachusetts-like mandatory insurance effort championed by Governor Mit Romney and put together in cooperation with liberal Ted Kennedy and the conservative Heritage Foundation. Is this inevitable? Is the time right? What role might businesses be asked to play? How did San Diego vote a few years back on the defeated state-wide measure that would have required employers of 50 or more to provide health insurance to employees?

If you have any questions, call me on my cell phone -- (619) 709-9295 -- or direct office line -- (619) 398-8921. You also can contact Emily Crowley with the Monger Co., who is coordinating everything. She can be reached at (619) 544-7000,

emily@mongercompany.com

Gloria wants to have her script written by Tuesday, so the research likely will be coming earlier than usual.

Thanks to all.

Tim  
From: Sarah Rothenfluch  
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2006 11:38 AM  
To: Michael Marcotte; John Decker  
Cc: Hank Crook; Natalie Walsh; Thomas Fudge  
Subject: RE: Urgent re Editors

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Good plan.

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From: Michael Marcotte  
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2006 10:34 AM  
To: John Decker  
Cc: Sarah Rothenfluch; Hank Crook; Natalie Walsh; Thomas Fudge  
Subject: RE: Urgent re Editors

Gloria's phone message to be said she is doubtful for the 10:30 tomorrow... but she didn't say anything about missing Monday. So let's hang in there. But, yeah, I could be on stand-by to sub for Gloria.

MM

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From: John Decker  
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2006 9:53 AM  
To: Michael Marcotte  
Cc: Sarah Rothenfluch; Hank Crook; Natalie Walsh  
Subject: Re: Urgent re Editors

Indeed. Could you do it, Mike?

On Apr 20, 2006, at 9:03 AM, Michael Marcotte wrote:

Ed says he can sub for Dwane on Morning Ed... so it looks okay to do this substitution plan. We may have to rethink Gloria's role in the forum too.

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From: Sarah Rothenfluch  
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2006 7:59 AM  
To: Michael Marcotte; John Decker  
Cc: Hank Crook; Natalie Walsh  
Subject: Urgent re Editors  
Importance: High

Mike & John,

We just heard from Gloria that her mother is ill and had to be rushed to the hospital. Gloria most likely will not be able to do the show tomorrow. I have approached Dwane to ask if he is interested if schedules permit and he said yes. Could we make this work? Could we get Dwane to host Editors? It seems like the clearest and most straight-forward approach to me.

With thanks,

Sarah

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From: Gloria Penner  
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2006 2:13 PM  
To: John Decker; Keith York; Natalie Walsh; Hank Crook; Carla Conner; Doug Myrland; Deanna Mackey; Graciela Sevilla  
Attachments: Editors Roundtable.pdf

Tim McClain sent me the ad and tells me the May 3rd forum is being presented along the lines of an "open to the public" seminar sponsored by Higgs Fletcher @ Mack, The Monger Co, and San Diego Metropolitan. Ad is in April edition of San Diego Metropolitan on page 21.  
GloriaFrom: Sarah Rothenfluch  
Sent: Monday, April 03, 2006 6:08 PM  
To: Hank Crook  
Subject: FW: Editors Roundtable  
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From: John Decker [mailto:jdecker@kpbs.org]  
Sent: Monday, April 03, 2006 6:05 PM  
To: Carla Conner  
Cc: Maureen Cavanaugh-Fitzgerald; Arthur Eaton III; Joe Marciniak; Sarah Rothenfluch; Kurt Kohnen; Nathan Gibbs  
Subject: Re: Editors Roundtable

Yes, that's OK with me; we can accommodate rather easily. Let me know when this goes into effect.

John

On Apr 3, 2006, at 4:04 PM, Carla Conner wrote:

Hi John-

I just want to give you a heads up. COX has proposed a change for their show breaks. Im waiting to clarify with them directly, but they may want us to reduce our 9:35 break to 1:02 from the 2:00 it is presently at. Please dont make any changes at this time. I just wanted to find out if it would be possible if necessary? we also may just be able to play with it on the video end. Ill let you know.

Thank you,

Carla

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